

Journey Church Hawaii
It's Christmas! Part Two
"Perfect Peace"
Isaiah 26:3 & Matthew 1:18-25
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- I. Perfect Peace [Isaiah 26:3]
 - A. Perfect Peace in Hebrew is "shalom, shalom": a God-given peace that is complete, stable, and deeply rooted; available to all IN CHRIST [Isa 9:6; John 14:27; Ro 5:1]
 - B. "You will keep him"; God actively guards and sustains His peace in us [Phil 4:7]
 - C. A Steadfast Mind; unshakable [Ps 112:6-8; James 1:6-8,17]
 - D. Trust in the Lord [Ps 20:7-8; John 14:1-6; Prov 3:5-6]

- II. No Ordinary Joe [Matthew 1:18-25]
 - A. A Just Man [1:18-19]
 - 1. Followed the Law of God and Man; "Uphold Righteousness" [Micah 6:8]
 - 2. "Not wanting" (to wish, desire, take delight in) to make her a public example [Deu 23:13-30]
 - 3. "Put her away" (divorce) quietly [Deu 24:1]
 - B. "I Need to Pray About This" [1:20-23]
 - 1. Expects to and Hears from God [Isa 50:4]
 - 2. Perception verses TRUTH [John 8:32; 14:6]
 - 3. Prophecy Fulfilled [Isa 7:14]
 - 4. A Righteous Habit of Joseph [Matt 2:13,19,22]
 - C. Joseph did as God Commanded [1:24-25]
 - 1. Married Mary
 - 2. No physical intercourse until after the Birth of Jesus
 - 3. Names the Baby Boy Jesus
 - 4. Take Decisive Action when God's Commands are Clear [James 4:17]

- III. Practical Application [Proverbs 3:1-6]
 - A. Anxious? [Phil 4:6-7]
 - B. Search Me O God [Ps 139:23-24]
 - C. Quick to Listen, Slow to speak/anger; BUT THE TRUTH IS [James 1:19-20; John 8:32]
 - D. Who's in Charge? [1 John 3:20,18-23; Prov 3:5-6]
 - E. Experience His Peace and Do What God says to Do [Isa 26:3; Phil 4:7; Ps 143:8]