

LISTENING JOSEPH!!

Joseph had to be alert to many things:

- ❖ The voice of God. which mostly came to him in his dreams.
- ❖ The political situation in which the family found itself
- ❖ The needs of the family he protected
- ❖ The mores of the culture in which he lived

“When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took Mary as his wife” Joseph heard and obeyed.

The word obey comes from the Latin oboedire – to pay attention to – to give ear... literally to listen to – from ob (to) and audire (listen/hear).

It is interesting to think of Joseph having an “ear to the ground” ... as today we would listen to the challenges which our new ecological knowledge puts before us.

1. How do I give ear to the voice of God and the “signs of the present time”?

2. What messages do I actually put into action?

3. What is planet Earth saying to me at this point in its life?

Wisdom From Joy Cowley: (Worship- Psalms Down Under)

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We step out of our everyday selves and into this cathedral of sky, earth and sea where all the parables of life are played out in their seasons and all the seasons held as on in the Love of God.

Everything here is holy in its being. Every fern, tree, rock, drop of sea, exists as a prayer of thanksgiving and together they speak a chapter in the gospel on wonder which is laid upon our lives.

Eagerly our hearts lean forward to listen to the praise of tree ferns echoing in still water and to see the shimmering of the divine behind the surface of each leaf. Look! It is everywhere!

The love of the creator glowing in the mountains and in ocean, in pebble and stem, Fish and bird and us! Yes! Yes! The light of God in us! For we too are sacred.

We too are named holy and the meaning of our lives is thanksgiving.



Photo of a statue
Mount Street, North Sydney