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Compassion:

To sympathetically and empathetically be moved by the sufferings of others, to the point that one is compelled to help alleviate their sufferings through action.

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Joseph's obedience to the law of God was not legalistic. He did not abandon his faithfulness in order to care for Mary, instead he allowed the difficult situation to mold and transform the understanding of his faith.

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