



**"Faith and the Life of Joseph"**  
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## Introduction

### ✳ Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Now Jacob lived in the land where his father had sojourned [near Hebron], in the land of Canaan. 2 These are [the records of] the generations of Jacob. Joseph, when **seventeen years of age**, was pasturing the flock with his brothers while he was [still] a youth, along with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. And **Joseph brought back a bad report about them** to their father. 3 **Now Israel loved Joseph** more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age; and he **made him a varicolored tunic**. 4 **His brothers** saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and [so] they **hated him** and could not speak to him on friendly terms. [Gen 37:1-4 NASB95]

**Joseph as a child was...**

(1) ... a \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) ...loved and \_\_\_\_\_ by his earthly father.

### ✳ Joseph the \_\_\_\_\_

- 5 Then Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. 6 He said to them, "Please listen to this dream which I have had; 7 for behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf rose up and also stood erect; and behold, your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf." 8 Then his brothers said to him, "Are you actually going to reign over us? Or **are you really going to rule over us?**" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words. [Gen 37:5-8]
- 9 Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, "Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." 10 He related [it] to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?" 11 His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying [in mind.] [Gen 37:9-11 NASB95]

Joseph as a child was...

(3) ... a \_\_\_\_\_ to his brothers.

### ✳ Joseph the \_\_\_\_\_

18 When they saw him from a distance and before he came close to them, they plotted against him to put him to death. 19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer! 20 "Now then, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and we will say, 'A wild beast devoured him.' Then let us see what will become of his dreams!" ... 23 So it came about, when Joseph reached his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the varicolored tunic that was on him; 24 and they took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty, without any water in it. 25 Then they sat down to eat a meal. And as they raised their eyes and looked, behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing aromatic gum and balm and myrrh, on their way to bring [them] down to Egypt. ... 28 Then some Midianite traders passed by, so they pulled [him] up and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty [shekels] of silver. Thus they brought Joseph into Egypt. ...36 Meanwhile, the Midianites sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, Pharaoh's officer, the captain of the bodyguard. [Gen 37:18-20, 23-25, 28, 36 NASB95]

Joseph as a child was...

(4) ...loved and properly disciplined and \_\_\_\_\_ by his Heavenly Father.

## Those who live by faith...

### 1. ...realize there is a God given unseen \_\_\_\_\_ for their lives.

#### 1. ...are called and \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

17 He sent a man before them, Joseph, [who] was sold as a slave. 18 They afflicted his feet with fetters, He himself was laid in irons; 19 **Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the LORD tested him.** 20 The king sent and released him, The ruler of peoples, and set him free. 21 He made him lord of his house And ruler over all his possessions, [Psa 105:17-21 NASB95]

#### 2. ...their belief in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is tested.

**Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ him.** [Psa 105:19]

#### 3. ...realize God has a plan that involves but is greater than their \_\_\_\_\_.

13 [God] said to Abram, "Know for certain that **your descendants** will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they **will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years.** 14 "But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions. ... 16 "Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete." [Gen 15:13-14, 16 NASB95]

### 2. ...will \_\_\_\_\_ even under difficult circumstances.

1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there. 2 The LORD was with Joseph, so **he became a successful man.** And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian. 3 Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and [how] **the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hand.** 4 So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge. [Gen 39:1-4]

#### 1. ...avoid the Satanic \_\_\_\_\_. - Potiphar's wife

7 It came about after these events that his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." 8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, with me [here,] my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my charge. 9 "There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. **How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?"** 10 As she spoke to Joseph day after day, he did not listen to her to lie beside her [or] be with her. [Gen 39:7-10 NASB95]

#### 2. ...take the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_ with them.

20 So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail. 21 But **the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him,** and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. 22 The chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible [for it.] 23 The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the LORD was with him; and **whatever he did, the LORD made to prosper.** [Gen 39:20-23]

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**3. ...learn \_\_\_\_\_ before being given power.**

1 Now it happened at the end of two full years that Pharaoh had a dream, and behold, he was standing by the Nile. [Gen 41:1 NASB95]... sleek and fat cows and ugly and gaunt cows / plump and good ears of grain and thin and scorched  
...38 Then Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is a divine spirit?"  
39 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you are. 40 "You shall be over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you." 41 **Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."** [Gen 41:38-41 NASB95]

**1. ...experience the \_\_\_\_\_ of a vision.**

**2. ...experience grief in \_\_\_\_\_.**

1 Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried, "Have everyone go out from me." So there was no man with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 **He wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard [it,] and the household of Pharaoh heard [of it.]** [Gen 45:1-2 NASB95]

**3. ...see divine \_\_\_\_\_ in their journey.**

5 "Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for **God sent me before you to preserve life.** 6 "For the famine [has been] in the land these two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. 7 "**God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance.** 8 "Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt. [Gen 45:5-8]

## Conclusion

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong which we did to him!" ... 18 Then his brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place? 20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, [but] God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. 21 "So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. [Gen 50:15, 18-21 NASB95]

### Through brokenness...

- 1. Pride is replaced with \_\_\_\_\_.**
- 2. Self focus replaced with an \_\_\_\_\_ focus.**
- 3. The selfless responsibility of rule replaces our enticement for \_\_\_\_\_.**

42 Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. 43 "But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. 45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." [Mar 10:42-45 NASB95]