

## **BY FAITH ... JOSEPH**

### **(Hebrews 11:22)**

- Why is there so much space given over to Joseph in the book of Genesis (chps. 37-50)? It is because ...
  - 1) This story provides historically an explanation of how God \_\_\_\_\_ His earthly people, Israel!
  - 2) This story highlights the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which served as a real \_\_\_\_\_ to others – like you and me! (Rom.15:4)

#### **A. BY FAITH, the GRACE of GOD Can ENABLE You to RISE ABOVE a MESSED UP HOME. (Genesis 25-36)**

1. Joseph's family involved his \_\_\_\_\_ - Jacob, (who was passive and inconsistent dad); 4 different \_\_\_\_\_ - Leah, Zilpah, Bilhah, and Rachel (all in the same household); and 12 \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Though children generally repeat the sins of their parents, you as a believer in Christ are not a \_\_\_\_\_ and the cycle \_\_\_\_\_ be broken by God's grace.
3. Though your culture may approve of your sins or that of your family, \_\_\_\_\_ does not, and He has made \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ available to you.

#### **B. BY FAITH, the FAITHFULNESS of GOD Can SUSTAIN You When Dealing With the HATRED and BITTERNESS of OTHERS. (Genesis 37)**

1. We have underscored the \_\_\_\_\_ of Joseph at the age of \_\_ in contrast to his brothers, along with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jacob toward Joseph. (37:1-3)
2. This resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ by Joseph's brothers toward him. (37:4)
3. To encourage Joseph for the trials that lay ahead, God gave Joseph two \_\_\_\_\_ to reveal His future plan and promises for his life. (37:5-10)
4. If you are faithful and promoted by the Lord, you need to be prepared to encounter \_\_\_\_\_ from others. (37:11-27)
5. When you sin against the Lord, you can either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ it. (37:28-33; Prov.28:13)
6. In every trial, you can either \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ after the \_\_\_\_\_. (37:34-35)
  - What has God given to you to encourage and give you hope in your trials? Was God still in control in Joseph's life? (37:36)

#### **C. BY FAITH, the FEAR of GOD Can PREVENT SIN in Your Life. (Genesis 39)**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God was with Joseph, and He made him \_\_\_\_\_ and to find \_\_\_\_\_ in his master's sight, resulting in great blessing to Potiphar's house. (39:2-6)

2. In spite of Mrs. Potiphar's unwanted sexual advances, Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ and said to her, "How then can I do this \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_. (39:7-9)
3. To be tempted is \_\_\_\_\_ sin; temptation \_\_\_\_\_ to is sin. (James 1:13-15)
4. Though Joseph continued to refuse Mrs. Potiphar's repeated sexual advances and ends up in prison due to her lies, nevertheless, "the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph and showed Him \_\_\_\_\_, and He gave him \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of the keeper of the prison. (39:21-23)

**D. BY FAITH, the PROMISES of GOD Can KEEP You From Becoming BITTER When Your TRIALS DRAG ON and OTHERS LET YOU DOWN. (Genesis 40)**

1. If you respond to the Lord instead of react in your flesh in your unjust suffering, you will be able to see beyond yourself to \_\_\_\_\_ others that don't deserve it. (40:1-4)
2. If you are responding to the Lord in your unjust suffering, you will be quick to give \_\_\_\_\_ and not steal it for yourself. (40:5-8)
3. If you are responding to the Lord in your unjust suffering, you may be forgotten by \_\_\_\_\_ but never by \_\_\_\_\_. Don't forget that! (40:9-23)

**E. BY FAITH, the PLAN AND PROVIDENCE of GOD Can Enable You to WAIT on GOD'S TIMING to FULFILL His PROMISES. (Genesis 41, 45, 50)**

1. The trials of Joseph & the fulfillment of God's early dreams would take \_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_. (41:1a)
2. During Joseph's time of waiting, God was \_\_\_\_\_ his faith and \_\_\_\_\_ him for how God wanted to use him in the future.
3. God in His providence eventually \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph from the prison to the palace in one day (41:2-44), and God in His grace greatly \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph, making the \_\_\_\_\_ worth it. (41:45-57)
  - What had Joseph learned about the providence and faithfulness of God in all this? (45:1-8; 50:20)

**F. BY FAITH, YOU Can PLEASE GOD IF You Are WILLING To TAKE HIM At HIS WORD.**

1. A total of \_\_\_\_\_ years are covered in the closing 5 verses of Genesis 50. (50:22-26)
2. During those years, Joseph experienced much \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (50:23)
3. When he was dying, Joseph expressed by faith to his brethren, "I am dying, but \_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ visit you, and bring you \_\_\_ of this land of which He \_\_\_\_\_ to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. (50:24)
4. Joseph then took an \_\_\_\_\_ from the children of Israel, saying, "God \_\_\_\_\_ surely \_\_\_\_\_ you, and you shall carry up my \_\_\_\_\_ from here." (50:25-26)
5. God eventually kept His \_\_\_\_\_ (Josh.24:32), and Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ God – \_\_\_\_\_.