



Legacy – Joseph sustained by Hope

Joseph - background...

The Big Three Patriarchs of the Jews: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob.

In **Genesis 37** we start to get some details of the life of Joseph.

God had given Joseph some dreams as a boy.

Joseph’s family was incredibly dysfunctional!

Joseph in the midst of really bad circumstances does his BEST!

Genesis 39:2-6

Joseph the Dreamer = the Man of Hope.

1. He is faithful and diligent in his job.
2. He is submissive.
3. He has moral integrity.

Joseph displayed godly Character.

Genesis 39:21-25

How can Joseph do his best in a bad situation? What is Joseph’s secret to success? What keeps him filled with Hope?

He is working for God! Col 3:22-25

What to do when the job is beyond what you can do? ✓ Gen 40:8

Joseph and his Brothers... Or... [What goes around comes around!]

But don't be angry with yourselves that you did this to me, for God did it. He sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. Gen 45:5

Joseph saw God’s hand of blessing in all his misery.

Forgiveness is the key to being able to excel in the midst of super bad circumstances. And then to be restored and receive God’s blessings!

Joseph for all those years, remembered the dream.

Joseph had a promise = hope – I will be faithful to what God gives me, and then God will take care of the rest.

Psalm 46:10 *“Be Still and Know that I am God...”*

God is saying to me and to you: I got this!

2015 Year of Love- Legacy of Faith, Hope and Love

June's Memory Verse – *Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.* 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)

Monday 6/8- Read Genesis 37:1-11

Question: Why did Joseph's brothers hate him?

Truth: *When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.* Vs.4

Meditate: Genesis 37:10-(concerning Joseph's dreams) *His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.*

Prayer: Lord, you know all things and what will happen. I can always trust in your promises.

Action: Keep a journal of the promises God has given to me, so I will always have hope.

What promise of God can I hold on to today:

Tuesday 6/9- Read Genesis 37:12-36

Question: *Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood?"* Vs. 26

Truth: *Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood."* His brothers agreed. Vs. 27

Meditate: Genesis 37:12- (Joseph was doing just what his father asked when he was betrayed by his brothers) *So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me."*

Prayer: Lord, even if I am harmed for doing right. I will continue to trust in you.

Action: In both the good times and the bad thank God for whom He is.

Attributes of God I am thankful for:

Wednesday 6/10- Read Genesis 39:1-23

Question: Why did Potiphar put his slave Joseph in charge of his household?

Truth: *The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.* Vs. 2

Meditate: Genesis 39:9- *How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"*

Prayer: Lord you are my source of all good things. I will live my life with godly character.

Action: Be faithful and diligent in my work. Be submissive. Have moral integrity.

What God is telling me:

Thursday 6/11- Read Colossians 3:18-25

Question: What kind of employer or employee should I be?

Truth: *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,*

Meditate: Colossians 3:24 - *It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

Prayer: Lord Jesus give me the strength and wisdom to be a blessing to others.

Action: *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* Colossians 3:17

What God is telling me:

Friday 6/12- Read Genesis 45:1-28

Question: How was Joseph able to forgive his brothers for selling him into slavery?

Truth: *And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.* Vs. 5

Meditate: Psalm 46:10 - *He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

Prayer: Father God, I can always have hope because I know I can always trust in you.

Action: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

Who will I share God's love with today:
