

Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh

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Summary:

Joseph trusts in God’s plan even in difficult times. God’s plans are better than our plans.

Think about:

- Which do you think Joseph had first – overwhelming faithfulness to God, or a trust in his plan?
- What happens to our faithfulness when hard times come around?
- As Joseph went through life he had some hard times. He was thrown into a pit, sold into a foreign culture as a slave, separated from his family, propositioned by Mrs. Potiphar, and sentenced to an Egyptian prison. Yet he rose to the top in his position every time. Even in prison he chose to use his God-given talents and serve with his leadership abilities, rather than sulk and pout and become a bitter old man. In the end, Joseph chose to help his family, and to forgive his hateful brothers.
- Did Joseph know what would happen at the end of his story? Who did? Look up Genesis 50:20 (The Story, page 42). Who intended harm? Who meant it for good? Who knew how it was going to work out?
- As Joseph was faced with each of these situations he had a choice to make between faithfulness and bitterness. Each time, what did he choose?

Take away:

Joseph gives us an example of how to live in the face of uncertain times. He remained faithful to God and God provided for him. God works through life situations and will never forsake us.

Prayer:

Father, thank you for your mighty work in our lives. We know you have an ultimate plan and we know you have the process to achieve your plan. Build our faith, Lord. Use our circumstances to strengthen our faith in you and to reveal your sovereignty to us. Help us to trust you with all things and to be faithful to you in all circumstances. In Jesus’ name, Amen.