

“REAPING THE FRUITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS”

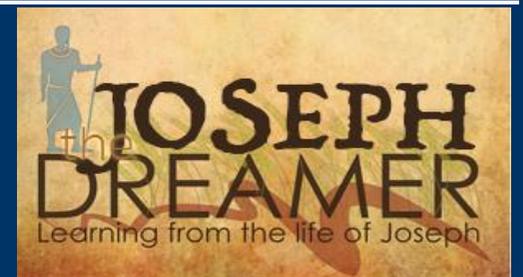
(Genesis 41:41-57)

Life of Joseph - Sermon 5

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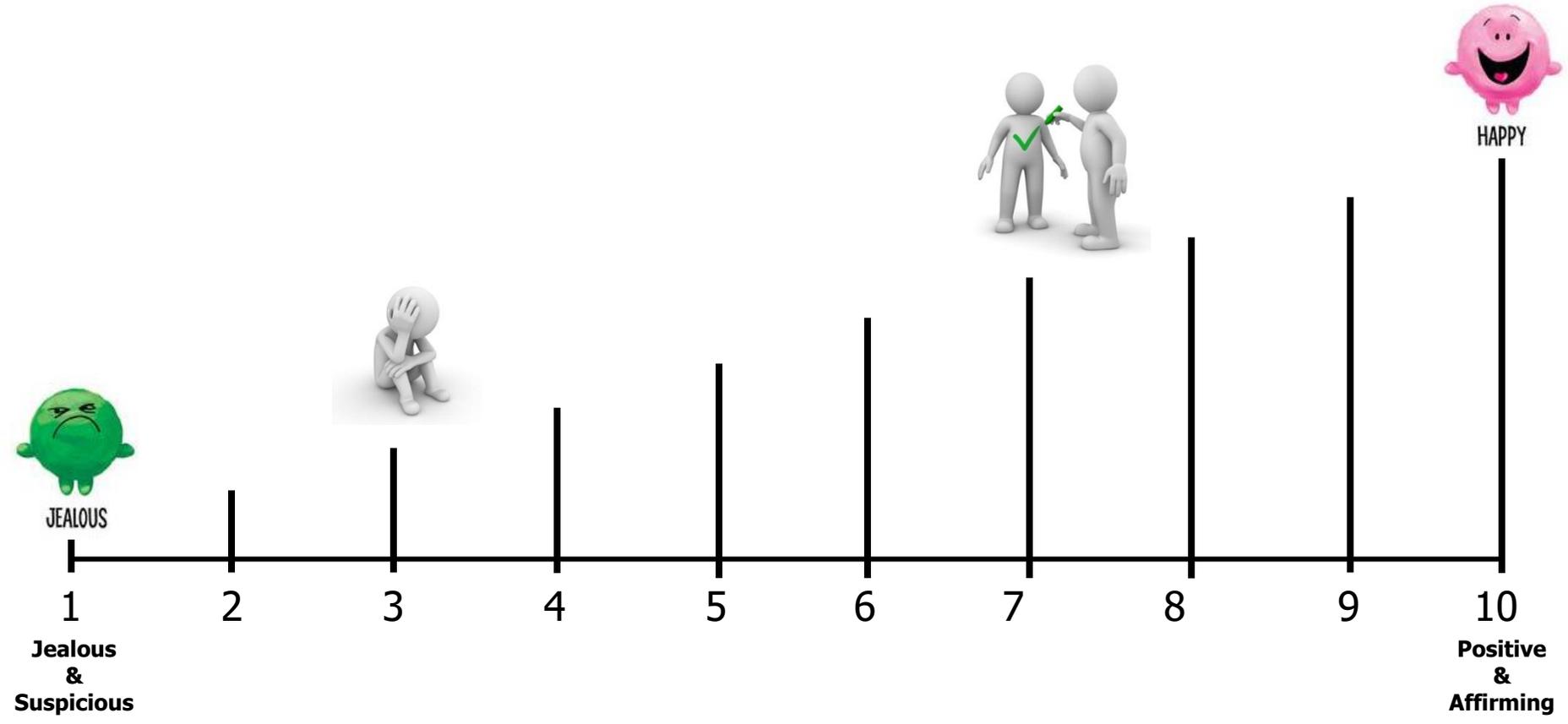
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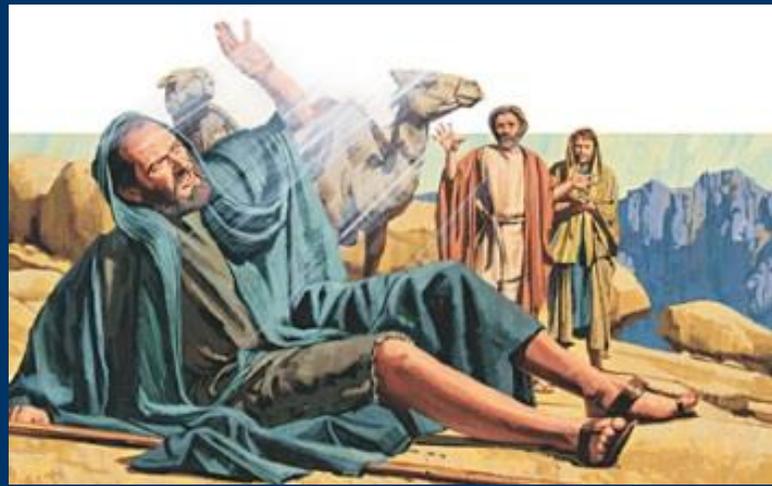
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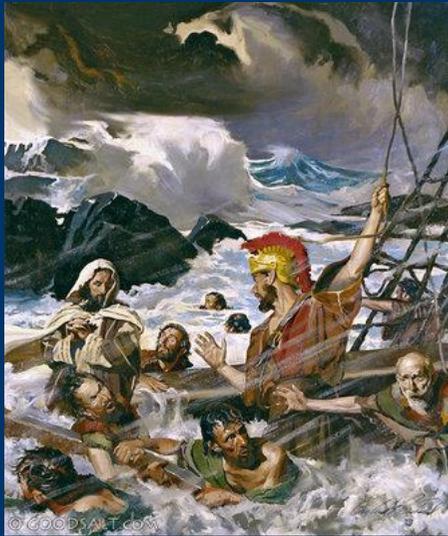
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The Apostle Paul

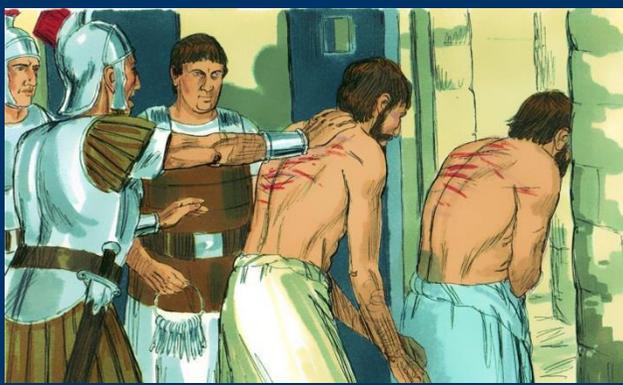
Shipwrecked 3 times



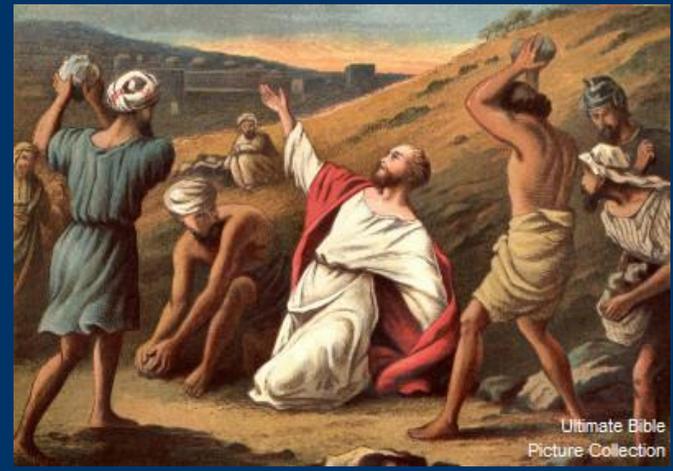
(2 Corinthians 11:23-27)



Beaten with rods 3 times



Given 39 lashes 5 times



Stoned once

Ultimate Bible
Picture Collection

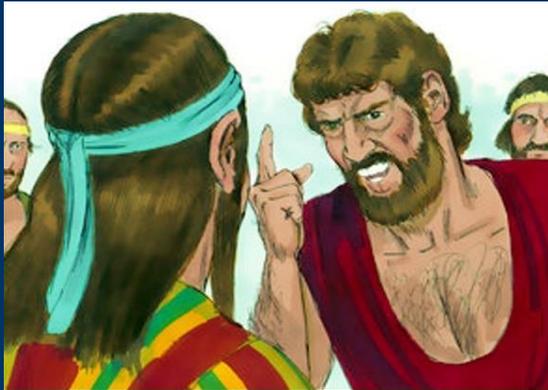
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Phi 4:11 *I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.*

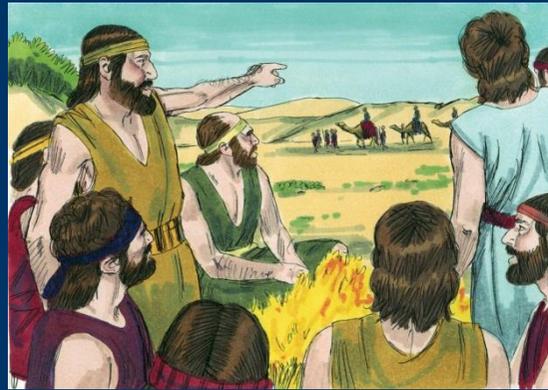
12 *I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.*



I. A BRIEF REVIEW



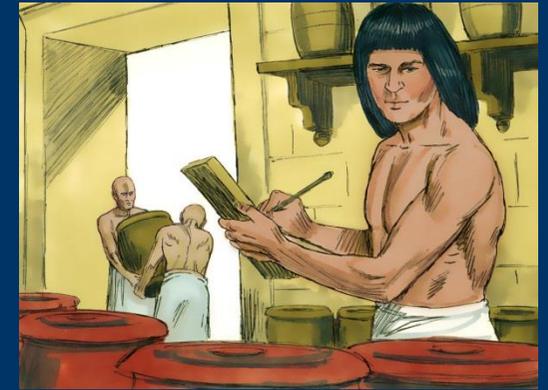
hated and rejected
by his own brothers



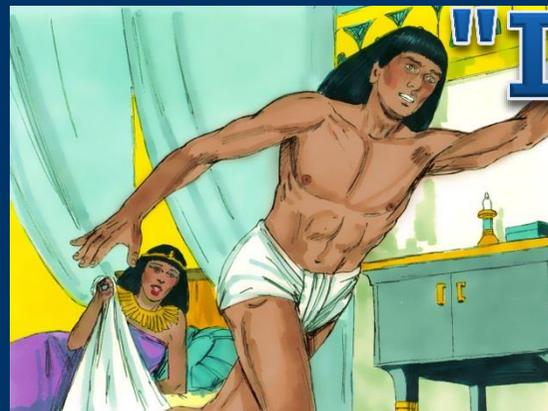
sold to a passing
caravan



sold again on the
slave's auction block



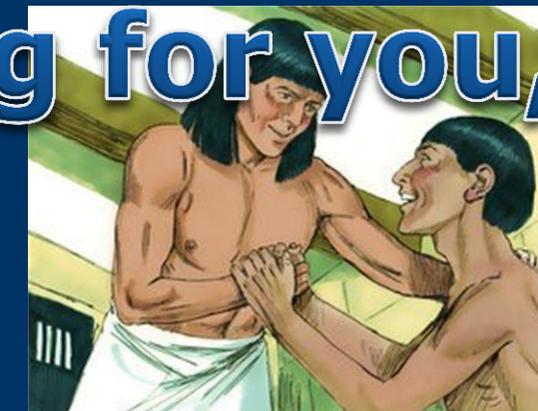
forced to learn a new
language and culture



Joseph was repeatedly
seduced



falsely accused of
attempted rape



forgotten by a friend who
could secure his release

"I'm praying for you, Joseph."



II. A MAN RESTORED

A) *A Position Of Great Authority*

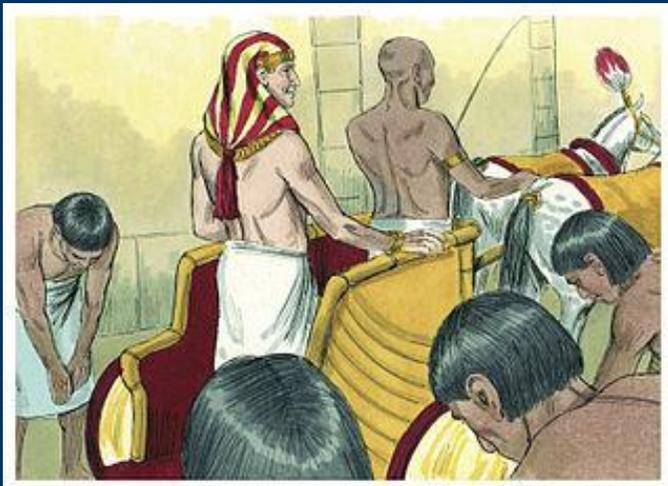


Gen 41:41 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "**I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt.**" **42** Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

- 1. Unlimited Territorial Authority**
- 2. Absolute Financial Authority**
- 3. Endorsed Royal Authority**

II. A MAN RESTORED

A) A Position Of Great Authority



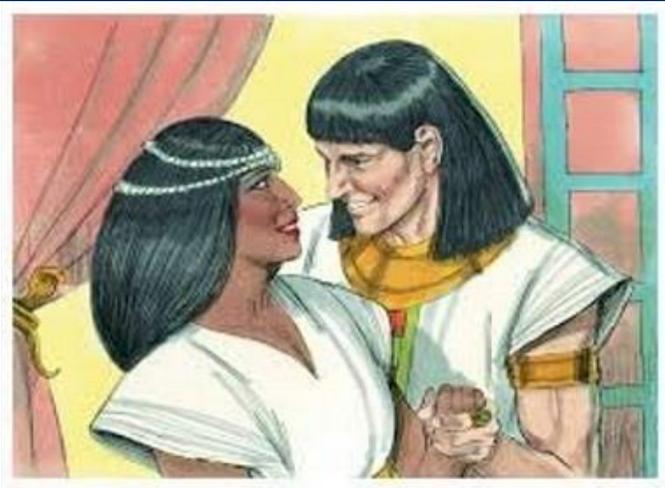
Gen. 41:43 He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and people shouted before him, **"Make way!"** Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt.

44 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, **"I am Pharaoh, but without your word no one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt."**



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B) A New Name and a Wife



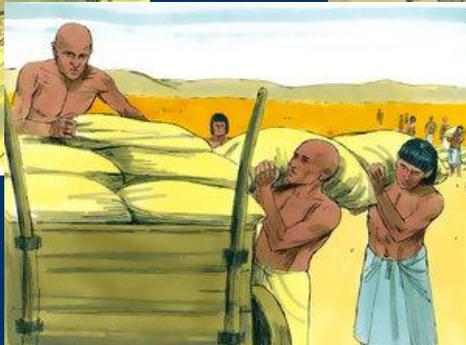
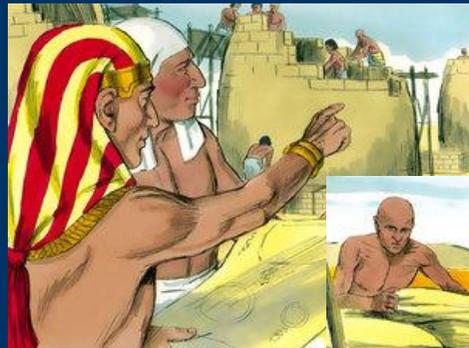
Gen 41:45 Pharaoh gave Joseph the name **Zaphenath-Paneah** and gave him **Asenath** daughter of Potiphara, priest of On, to be his wife. And Joseph went throughout the land of Egypt.

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C) A Youth with a Bright Future



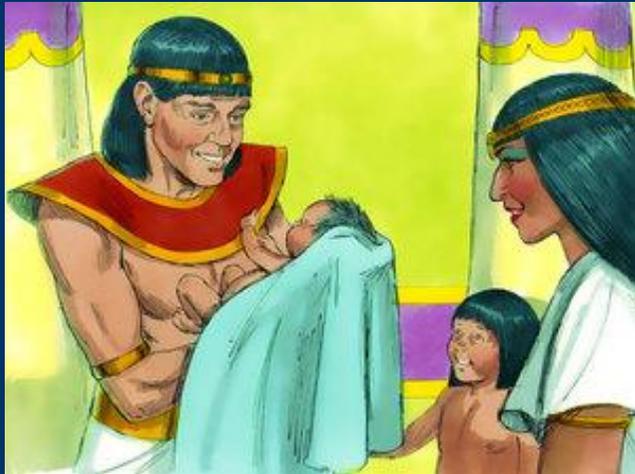
Gen 41:46 *Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt.*



Gen 41:49 *Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure.*

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D) Two Sons and a Clear Conscience



Gen 41:50 Before the years of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphara, priest of On.

51 Joseph named his firstborn **Manasseh** and said, **"It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household."**

52 The second son he named **Ephraim** and said, **"It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering."**

II. A MAN RESTORED

E) Abundance amidst Famine



***Gen 41:53** The seven years of abundance in Egypt came to an end, **54** and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in all the other lands, but in the whole land of Egypt there was food.*



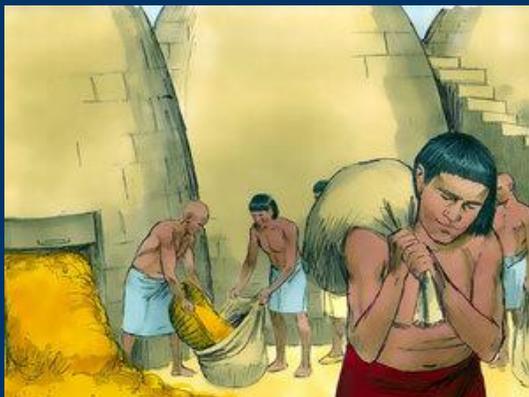
55** When all Egypt began to feel the famine, the people cried to Pharaoh for food. Then Pharaoh told all the Egyptians, **"Go to Joseph and do what he tells you."

II. A MAN RESTORED

E) Abundance amidst Famine



Gen. 41:56 *When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt.*



Gen. 41:57 *And all the world came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe everywhere.*

CONCLUSION:

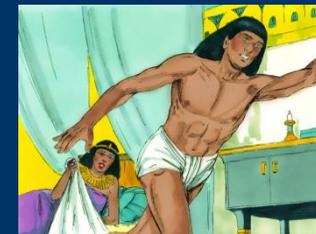


We may not share the same exterior rewards as Joseph but we can learn these timeless lessons from his heart.

1. *Lengthy afflictions need not discourage us.*



2. *Bad memories need not defeat us.*



3. *Great blessings need not disqualify us.*





CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate yourself as a positive and affirming person?*
- 2. If you have a friend like Joseph, who is suffering for years, would you be supportive in time like this?*
- 3. What are some of the common struggles that people face when they suddenly rose to position of great authority?*
- 4. List out some of the attitude of Joseph that makes him a great servant of God?*
- 5. How did Joseph overcome his 13 years of suffering and yet not become bitter?*
- 6. How can we free ourselves from past painful memories?*



Scripture References:

Genesis 41:41-57