

# THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

GENESIS 37-50

- OUR WORLD IS FILLED WITH SOME PRETTY FASCINATING PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIVED AMAZING LIVES FILLED WITH UNBELIEVABLE ADVENTURES.
- FROM AMERICAN FIGURES LIKE ABRAHAM LINCOLN OR BOOKER T. WASHINGTON TO INTERNATIONAL ICONS LIKE MARIE CURIE OR MOTHER TERESA, YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK FAR TO FIND THOSE WHO LEAD

- THE LIFE OF JOSEPH WOULD HAVE TO RANK PRETTY HIGHLY, WHEN YOU CONSIDER EVERYTHING HE DID.
- JOSEPH, THE FAVORITE OF HIS FATHER JACOB, WAS THROWN INTO A PIT & SOLD INTO SLAVERY (OUT OF ENVY) BY HIS OWN BROTHERS AT THE AGE OF 17.
- HE WAS BOUGHT & WORKED FOR POTIPHAR, AN OFFICER OF PHARAOH, BEFORE BEING FALSELY ACCUSED,

- WHILE IMPRISONED HE DISTINGUISHES HIMSELF & BECOMES KNOWN AS AN INTERPRETER OF DREAMS.
- AFTER DECIPHERING PHARAOH'S DREAMS & HELPING PLAN HOW EGYPT WOULD SURVIVE THE FAMINE, JOSEPH IS PLACED IN A POSITION OF POWER SECOND ONLY TO THAT OF PHARAOH.
- ALL OF THIS HE DID BY THE TIME HE WAS 30 YEARS OLD. GENESIS 41:46

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH IS HARD TO BELIEVE. WHEN WE EXAMINE HIS LIFE THROUGH A SPIRITUAL LENS WE MIGHT FIND SOME THINGS THAT WILL ENHANCE OUR OWN WALK WITH CHRIST.

JOSEPH'S LIFE REMINDS US THAT  
• AVOIDING SIN PLEASURES GOD. GENESIS  
39:6

• DO YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR HOW YOU  
ARE GOING TO HANDLE SINFUL  
SITUATIONS? PROVERBS 4:23

• JOSEPH HAD A LOT TO LOSE, BUT WAS  
MOST CONCERNED WITH WHAT GOD  
WOULD THINK.

2 TIMOTHY 2:22 PROVERBS 12:18 21

~~JOSEPH & HIS BROTHERS ARE MINDS ON THAT BE FREE~~  
FROM ADVERSITY. GENESIS 40:13-15;  
40:20-41:1

- A QUICK GLANCE AT JOSEPH'S LIFE SHOWS THE HARDSHIPS THAT HE OVERCAME.
- THIS HAS TO BE ONE OF THE MOST FANTASTIC & DANGEROUS LIES THAT SATAN TELLS.

# JOSEPH'S LIFE REMINDS US THAT...

- EVERY SITUATION OFFERS THE CHANCE TO GLORIFY GOD. GENESIS 39:20-23.
- WHEN WE MAKE A GOOD CHOICE, HELP A PERSON IN NEED, OR TURN THE OTHER CHEEK, WE GLORIFY GOD. DO WE LOOK FOR THESE OPPORTUNITIES?
- MATTHEW 5:13-16; JOHN 15:8; 1 PETER 2:11-12



# JOSEPH'S LIFE REMINDS US

• IF HE CAN FORGIVE SO CAN WE.

• THAT  
GENESIS 45:4-8; GENESIS 50:15-21

- IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING WORSE THAN WHAT JOSEPH'S BROTHERS DID, I NEED TO HEAR IT.
- WE FORGIVE BECAUSE WE ARE FORGIVEN. THOSE DEBTS ARE NOT EVEN WORTH COMPARING.
- MATTHEW 6:14-16; PROVERBS 17:9;

# JOSEPH'S LIFE REMINDS US THAT...

- A LIFE SPENT IN SERVICE TO GOD CAN INFLUENCE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. GENESIS 50:22-24
- I WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE LIVED FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN LIVES DUE TO THE INFLUENCE OF A FAMILY MEMBER OR CLOSE FRIEND.
- 2 TIMOTHY 1:3-7; JOSHUA 4:19-24