

## JOSEPH: 'A WITHSTANDING FAITH'

GEN. 37-50 / HEB. 11:22

### THE FAVORED SON – GEN. 37:3

*“Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he had born to him in his old age and he made a richly ornamented robe for him.”*

#### The Destiny:

1. He was a tattle tail, he rubbed his special ‘colored supervisor’s coat’ down his brother’s throats and he **boastfully shared** his dreams.
2. Never did he seek his **selling, slavery, shackles, and separation** from his family.
3. God knew and used it all to glorify Himself in the life of Joseph.

#### The Deceiving

Joseph was met with deceit and sold to a passing Caravan headed for Egypt for 20 pieces of silver.

#### The Despair

Jacob immediately assumed Joseph had been killed and was dead.

### THE FAITHFUL STEWARD – GEN. 39:4

*“Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.”* (NIV)

#### His Service:

Joseph’s administrative abilities were quickly noted and he was soon entrusted with the administration of Potiphar's household.

#### His Self-Control:

Potiphar’s wife tried to seduce him but Joseph refused her advances.

#### His Sufferings:

He was imprisoned with painful neck and leg irons (Ps. 105:18)

### THE FORGOTTEN SERVANT – GEN 40:23

*“The chief cupbearer however did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.”*

#### The Dreams

1. The jailor put Joseph in charge of the entire prison.
2. The baker and butler are imprisoned and God gave Joseph the ability to correctly interpret their dreams.

#### The Disregard

1. As Joseph predicted, in 3 days the baker died and the butler was freed.
2. The butler forgot his promise to remember Joseph’s plight.

### THE FAMED STATESMAN – GEN 41

#### The Plenty

1. Pharaoh had two dreams which his magicians couldn’t interpret.
2. The butler remembered Joseph’s ability to interpret dreams.
3. Joseph, giving God the glory, interprets Pharaoh’s dreams.

#### The Promotion

Pharaoh promotes Joseph to the highest authority in the land.

### THE FORGIVING SAINT – GEN 45-48

#### The Brothers

Joseph’s brothers came to Egypt to buy food during a famine.

#### The Benevolence

1. Joseph shared that he has forgiven them.
2. What they had purposed against him was evil, but he shares, that God permitted it for good.

### THE FRUITFUL SHADE TREE – GEN 49-50

*“By Faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones.”*  
Heb 11:22

#### The Blessing:

Jacob blesses Joseph as a “fruitful vine” because of his providing for the family.

#### The Bones:

1. Joseph requests that his body **not be buried** in Egypt but in the ‘Promised Land.’
2. His visible coffin would be their Bible for the next **350 years** encouraging them to have a “Withstanding Faith.”