



**FAITHFUL MEN #2 – JOSEPH
RESILIENT – GENESIS 37-50
Call Study – Jason Park**

By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones. **Hebrews 11:22**

JOSHUA

A RESILIENT MAN OF CHARACTER AND STRENGTH

RESILIENT THROUGH BETRAYAL

³ Now Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. ⁴ 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. ⁵ Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ¹⁹ “Here comes that dreamer!” they said to each other. ²⁰ “Come now, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we’ll see what comes of his dreams.” **Genesis 37:3-5, 19-20**

RESILIENT THROUGH SERVICE

Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there. ² The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, **Genesis 39:1-3**

RESILIENT IN THE FACE OF TEMPTATION

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, ⁷ and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!” ⁸ But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. **Genesis 39 :6-8**

RESILIENT REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCE

¹⁹ When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, “This is how your slave treated me,” he burned with anger. ²⁰ Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were

confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. ²²So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. **Genesis 39:19-22**

RESILIENT WITH HIS GIFTS

⁶When Joseph came to them (the cup bearer and baker for the king) the next morning, he saw that they were dejected. ⁷So he asked Pharaoh's officials who were in custody with him in his master's house, "Why do you look so sad today?" ⁸"We both had dreams," they answered, "but there is no one to interpret them." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams." **Genesis 40:6-8**

RESILIENT IN HIS HONESTY

²⁸"It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. ²⁹Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, ³⁰but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land. ³¹The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so severe. ³²The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon. **Genesis 41:28-32**

RESILIENT IN HIS FORGIVENESS

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵And 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. ⁶For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. **Genesis 44:4-7**

BIG IDEA

JOSEPH STOOD FIRMLY ON GOD'S PROMISES

²⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." ²⁵And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place." **Genesis 50:24-25**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What are your initial observations about Joshua?

Joseph's circumstances could have caused him to fall away. What protective measures would you recommend preventing someone from falling away? Provide personal examples?

Re-read Gen. 39:1-3. How do you think the master may have seen the Lord was with Joseph and how to people see the Lord is with us?

Of the examples provided above about Joseph being resilient, which was most significant to you?

How can we on our own and with others "stand on God's promises"?

What are some of God's promises?