



## THE PLAN #5 – Forged in Adversity

JOSEPH: Genesis 37-45

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<sup>3</sup> Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe. <sup>4</sup> But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn't say a kind word to him. <sup>5</sup> One night Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him more than ever. <sup>6</sup> "Listen to this dream," he said. <sup>7</sup> "We were out in the field, tying up bundles of grain. Suddenly my bundle stood up, and your bundles all gathered around and bowed low before mine!" <sup>8</sup> His brothers responded, "So you think you will be our king, do you? Do you actually think you will reign over us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dreams and the way he talked about them. **Genesis 37:3-8**

### JOSEPH: FORGED BY DEFINING MOMENTS

#### HIS IDENTITY WAS QUESTIONED

And they hated him all the more because of his dreams and the way he talked about them. **Genesis 37:8**

<sup>11</sup> You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra—but the Lord rescued me from all of it. <sup>12</sup> Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. **2 Timothy 3:10**

#### HE WAS RESILIENT IN ADVERSITY

<sup>18</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw him coming, they recognized him in the distance. As he approached, they made plans to kill him. <sup>19</sup> "Here comes the dreamer!" they said. <sup>20</sup> "Come on, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns. We can tell our father, 'A wild animal has eaten him.' Then we'll see what becomes of his dreams!" <sup>28</sup> So when the Ishmaelites, who were Midianite traders, came by, Joseph's brothers pulled him out of the cistern and sold him to them for twenty pieces<sup>[d]</sup> of silver. And the traders took him to Egypt.

**Genesis 37:18-20, 28**

#### ADVERSITY IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW

<sup>2</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup> So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. **James 1:2-4**

#### SOMETIMES ADVERSITY IS FOLLOWED BY MORE ADVERSITY

<sup>19</sup> Potiphar was furious when he heard his wife's story about how Joseph had treated her. <sup>20</sup> So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained. <sup>21</sup> But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden **Genesis 39:19-21**

#### WE DON'T NEED RESCUE UNTIL WE NEED RESCUE

<sup>19</sup> The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time. **Psalms 34:19**

## OUR GIFTS DON'T EXPIRE

### THEY CAN TAKE AWAY OUR FREEDOM, BUT THEY CAN'T TAKE AWAY OUR GIFTS

<sup>5</sup> While they were in prison, Pharaoh's cup-bearer and baker each had a dream one night, and each dream had its own meaning. <sup>6</sup> When Joseph saw them the next morning, he noticed that they both looked upset. <sup>7</sup> "Why do you look so worried today?" he asked them. <sup>8</sup> And they replied, "We both had dreams last night, but no one can tell us what they mean." "Interpreting dreams is God's business," Joseph replied. "Go ahead and tell me your dreams." **Genesis 40:5-8**

<sup>15</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream last night, and no one here can tell me what it means. But I have heard that when you hear about a dream you can interpret it." <sup>16</sup> "It is beyond my power to do this," Joseph replied. "But God can tell you what it means and set you at ease." **Genesis 41:15-16**

<sup>10</sup> God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. **1 Peter 4:10**

### THERE IS A REWARD FOR OBEDIENCE

<sup>41</sup> Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the entire land of Egypt." <sup>42</sup> Then Pharaoh removed his signet ring from his hand and placed it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in fine linen clothing and hung a gold chain around his neck. **Genesis 41:41-42**

Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. **John 15:5**

### FORGIVENESS IS A POWERFUL GIFT

"I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. <sup>5</sup> But don't be upset, and don't be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. **Gen. 5:4-5**

<sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. **Colossians 3:13-14**

## OUR GIFT IS USING OUR GIFTS

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What are your initial observations?

What have you learned from the life of Joseph and how can that be applied today?

What kept him hanging on? Think of you witnessing resilience in the lives of others. What made the difference?

Who needs your forgiveness? I didn't say deserved.

How have you experienced God's reward for your obedience?

How can we pray for you?

### Week 5 - Chronological Reading Plan 2024

29. Genesis 48-50

30. Exodus 1-3

31. Exodus 4-6

32. Exodus 7-9 33.

33. Exodus 10-12 34.

34. Exodus 13-15 35. 35. Exodus 16-18