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Great Stories of the Bible / Joseph (patriarch); Type; Salvation; Suffering / Genesis 37:9–11  
From the Prison to the Palace, the life of Joseph has endless lessons for us today. This is a sermon you won't want to miss.

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- Jacob' Fault

### **Genesis 37:3–4 ESV**

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

## The Dream

### **Genesis 37:9–11 ESV**

Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, “Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.” But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?” And his brothers were jealous of him, but

his father kept the saying in mind.

- Brothers Jealous
- Father kept in mind

## Slavery

### **Genesis 37:26–27** ESV

Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers listened to him.

- How old was Joseph?

### **Genesis 37:2** ESV

These are the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

- 17 years old
  - when in slaver
  -

# Type of Christ

- Jesus Chose Servant-hood

## **Philippians 2:5–8** **ESV**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

- taking the form
  - of a servant...

# Blessings in Slavery

## **Genesis 39:5** **ESV**

From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field.

- Like Jesus

- comes to slavery
- Blessed in choices
- Does not sin

## The Test

### **Genesis 39:7-10** **ESV**

And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.

- Joseph
  - young handsome
  - great leader
  - good personality
    - attractive man
- Gained attention

- but from...
  - Master's wife.
- Great temptation.
  - not once....
  - **“she spoke to him day after day.”**
- Temptation
  - could get away with it???
- No...
  - **“How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?”**
- He knows
  - God is watching...
  - sin against God.
- She won't stop...

**Genesis 39:11–12** **ESV**

But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.

- Tries to force him.

- He made up mind
  - flees from her.

- She is
  - humiliated
  - rejected

- He is
  - slave
  - below her.
  - She will pay.

- Not Love
- Wicked Lust
  - similar story.

# Amnon and Tamar

## **2 Samuel 13:14–17 ESV**

But he would not listen to her, and being stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her.

Then Amnon hated her with very great hatred, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, “Get up! Go!” But she said to him, “No, my brother, for this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you did to me.” But he would not listen to her. He called the young man who served him and said, “Put this woman out of my presence and bolt the door after her.”

- Results of Sin
  - Lust
  - Evil
  - No Control
- No Fairy Tail ending.
  - Sin kills
  - leads to death
- Mrs. Potiphar

- Rejected
- Return rejection

# Temptations of Jesus

## **Matthew 4:3–4 ESV**

And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

“ ‘Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

- Severe Temptations
- Jesus Decided
  - no matter what
  - make right decision
  - follow God’s word
- So did Joseph

## **Genesis 39:13–15 ESV**

And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out



of the house, she called to the men of her household and said to them, “See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house.”

- Tells Story to husband
  - before Joseph can...
- Potiphar is gracious
  - This is death penalty
    - Foreigner
    - Slave
    - This sin...
      - Death...
- Prison instead
  - suggests...
  - doesn't fully believe wife

### **Joseph's Age**

- about 20ish

## In Prison

- Sad
  - False accusation
  - Obeying God
  - Punished anyway.
- Most
  - “Why God?”
  - “Why Me?”
  - “It’s not fair!!”

### **Genesis 39:21–22** **ESV**

But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it.

- God Bless Joseph
  - even in prison???
  
- **Joseph's Attitude**
  - Would not be promoted
    - with bad attitude.
  - Joseph was
    - a light in the darkness
  
- **Just like Christ**
  - in this world
    - slavery
    - temptation
    - prison
    - torture
      - Light in Darkness
  
- **Time Line**

- 17 - Sold as Slave
- 20ish - Put in Prison
- 8 Years Later
  - Opportunity
- Prison Hardship
  - Day in Day Out
  - Dungeon
  - Sunlight?
- **Choices and Attitudes**
  - **FORGIVENESS**

## Baker and Butler

### **Genesis 40:6-7** **ESV**

When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, "Why are your faces downcast today?"

- Serving Others
  - Thinking about them
  - Being thoughtful
  - Caring about them
- Opportunities Arise
  - about 8 year
    - in prison
    - making best.

## Two Dreams

Tell the Story

- Predictions
  - Butler Restored
  - Baker Sentenced

- One Request

**Genesis 40:14 ESV**

Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house.

**Genesis 40:23 ESV**

Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

- 2 More Years in Prison...
  - Now 30 yrs.

## Pharaoh's Dream

**Genesis 41:1-4 ESV**

After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, and behold, there came up out of the Nile seven cows, attractive and plump, and they fed in the reed grass. And behold, seven other cows, ugly and thin, came up out of the Nile after them, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile. And the ugly, thin cows ate up the seven attractive, plump cows. And Pharaoh awoke.

- Butler Remembers Joseph
  - Joseph Come
  - Cleans

- Shaves
- Interprets

**Genesis 41:29–31 ESV**

There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt, but after them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will consume the land, and the plenty will be unknown in the land by reason of the famine that will follow, for it will be very severe.

- Joseph Does more
  - Not only interpret
  - Gives advice...

**Genesis 41:33–36 ESV**

Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plentiful years. And let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine.”

- Pharaoh is Impressed

- interprets dream
  - others cannot
- predicts future
- gives advice.
  - Wisdom of God...

## Prison to the Palace

### **Genesis 41:42–45** **ESV**

Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, "Bow the knee!" Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphra priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

- Full Kingship
  - ring
  - power
  - worship



- decision making

## Like Jesus

- Arrest
  - Prison
  - False Trial
  - Abuse
  - Death
  - Ascension

### **Hebrews 8:1-2 ESV**

Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

- From Abuse and Rejection
  - Sold by Brothers
- To Majesty and Kingship
  - Type of Christ

# Our Exaltation

- Some day
  - same for us.
- Lifted out
  - dungeon of this world
  - Exalted
  - Thrones

## **Revelation 3:21** **ESV**

The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

- Jesus Christ
  - First Fruits
- We will Follow Him
  - Resurrected

- Glorified
- thrones
- Requires a Savior
  - to go before us.
  - Just Like Joseph.

## Joseph as Savior

### **Genesis 42:1-2 ESV**

When Jacob learned that there was grain for sale in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you look at one another?” And he said, “Behold, I have heard that there is grain for sale in Egypt. Go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die.”

- Joseph Test his Brothers
  - Just like Jesus
- Joseph wants
  - bring them to him
  - land of plenty

- heavenly Caanan
- But first
  - test made
  - evaluate character
- Like Christ
  - brings us to heaven
  - after test of character

**Genesis 45:4-5 ESV**

So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

- Joseph
  - **“sent before to preserve life...”**
    - like Christ

**“I am Your Brother...”**

- **“Who You Sold...”**
- Like Christ
  - Jew
  - rejected by Jews
- Tried to Destroy
  - Through that effort
  - Brought Life!!!

## We are His Brothers and Sisters

### **Romans 8:29** **ESV**

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

- Jesus is our
  - brother
- Yet

- Our King!!!

**Hebrews 2:11 ESV**

For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,

- Not Ashamed of Us

## Joseph, Simeon, and Judah

- These Brothers
  - ring leaders
  - evil
  - wanted Joseph dead
  - idea of slavery

1. They are changed
2. Joseph Forgives

**Like Jesus**

- Forgives Us
- Changes Us
- Redeems Us

## Conclusion

- We are evil brothers.
- Our sins cause his death.
- We are FORGIVEN.
- We are CHANGED.
- We are REDEEMED.

## Appeal

- Accept Forgiveness
- Embrace Change
- Seek Redemption