Church of the Redeemer African Heritage Baptist Bible Study



Bible Lessons From The Story of Joseph

Genesis 37:1 to Genesis 50:26



Who is the Joseph of the Old Testament?



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The Bible story of Joseph is one that teaches us to be courageous in the midst of some of life's worst storms. Joseph shows us vital life lessons we can apply to our own lives.



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Begin With A Dream (Genesis 37:5-11) God gave Joseph a dream. Way down deep in his heart he knew that Almighty <u>God</u> had a <u>big vision</u> for his life. What dream has the Lord given you? Write it down. Pray over it and most of all use wisdom before you <u>share</u> it with others.



Trust God, Not Circumstances (Genesis 37:18-28)

Uh oh! When you find yourself in the pits of life, sometimes the tendency is to turn your back on God and think that He's forgotten you. This is the time when you should cleave even harder to the Lord. Even when Joseph was sold into slavery the Bible said, "The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered."



Have Integrity (Genesis 39:6b-18) Joseph's life is a powerful testimony of the long-term effects of walking in integrity. <u>Temptation</u> will always come, but allow God's Grace to cause you to <u>flee</u> sin and protect you from all of the enemy's traps.



Be God-Dependent (Genesis 40:8-15) Joseph always knew that his gift to interpret dreams came from <u>God</u>. He never took credit and always focused on <u>giving God the glory</u> for all that he did.



Manage Success (Genesis 50:21) When God honors us with success and prosperity, we mustn't forget to first honor Him and honor others. Even though Joseph was sold into slavery by his family that didn't stop him from blessing them in a time of desperate need.



Have Humility (Genesis 41:37-45) Throughout his journey Joseph learned to have humility. Although God would one day lift him up, he would first have to lower himself and be humble. How many times in your own life has pride been a stumbling

block?



Fully Forgive (Genesis 50:15-20) Set your heart to <u>forgive</u> those around you. This not only will <u>heal</u> your relationship but it will also <u>keep your heart free</u> from bitterness and <u>deep rooted resentment</u> from the past.



Pursue True Prosperity True prosperity is not in gaining material wealth, <u>it's in glorifying God through the way</u> <u>you live your life</u>. Joseph continued to cultivate and pursue a relationship with God... this is true prosperity.





WRAP-UP

- There are many other lessons to learn from the life of Joseph
- God is with him
- "Waiting" received the dream when 17 years old
- Pit to Prison to Palace