

I. The Life of Joseph

- A. He was a faithful & loved son
- B. He was able to see the future

II. The rejection of Joseph

- A. His brothers hated him
- B. His brothers planned to kill him
- C. He was sold into slavery

III. The faithful service of Joseph

“The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. When his master say that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave his success in everything he did, 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.” (Genesis 39:2-4)

- A. He experienced God’s presence
- B. He was trusted by his masters
- C. He was always faithful to God

“No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God? ” (Genesis 39:9)

- D. He was falsely accused
- E. He was forgotten by men

“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 40:8)

IV. The miraculous rise to power

- A. He was able to interpret Pharaoh’s dreams
- B. He was faithful to give God the credit

“Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.’ ‘I cannot do it,’ Joseph replied to Pharaoh, ‘but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.’” (Genesis 41:15-16)

C. He was put in charge of Egypt

"Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.'" (Genesis 41:39-40)

D. He shows his faith by preparing for the famine

"Joseph was thirty years old when he entered into the service of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt. During the seven years of abundance the land produced plentifully. Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance and stored it in the cities." (Genesis 41:46-48)

V. The salvation of Joseph's family

A. He gave his betrayers love and forgiveness

"Deeply moved at the sight of his brothers, Joseph hurried out and looked for a place to weep. He went to his private room and wept there." (Genesis 43:30)

"Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph! Is my father still living?' But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Then 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 in Egypt! And 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.'" (Genesis 45:3-5)

B. He gave his family food to live

C. He gave his family future security

"So Joseph settled his father and his brothers in Egypt and gave them property in the best part of the land, the district of Rameses, as Pharaoh directed. Joseph provided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their children." (Genesis 47:11-12)

D. He gave God all the glory

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." (Genesis 50:20)