

The Bible Tells Me So
Week 3: Joseph and the coat of many colors

Abraham, Isaac, and _____...then Joseph

Joseph's Story

Genesis 37:1-11 (pg. 33)

Genesis 37:18-25 (pg. 33)

Genesis 39:1-9 (pg. 35)

Genesis 39:19-23 (pg. 35)

Genesis 41:14-17 (pg. 36)

Genesis 42:1-7 (pg. 38)

Genesis 45:16-20 (pg. 41)

Lessons to Learn from Joseph

Joseph understood the "what" of God's plan, but not the _____.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NLT, pg. 552) For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

Right action + wrong timing = wrong _____

Joseph was _____ by lots of people, but he didn't let it affect his faith.

John 16:33 (NLT, pg. 898) I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

Joseph's success followed _____ development.

1 Samuel 16:7b (NLT, pg. 242) The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

Matthew 25:23 (NLT, pg. 823) "The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'

Joseph found success in whatever _____ he was put in.

Romans 8:28 (NLT, pg. 941) And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

God's plan was way _____ than even Joseph knew.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT, pg. 612) "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Final Thought: No matter how much of the picture you see, or how rough your current season is, be faithful and grow and trust the journey. _____ sees the whole picture, _____ is in control, and _____ is at work.

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Joseph Discussion Questions

What did you learn for the first time by studying this popular story as an adult? What was surprising in the biblical text? What wasn't in the biblical text that you thought was? Explain.

Review the five lessons to learn from Joseph. Which of the five is the most important for you right now in your spiritual journey? Explain. Which of the five have you experienced to be true the most in your life? Explain.

Read Genesis 39. What does this story from Joseph's life teach you about God's standard of sexual purity? How do Joseph's actions translate into a step by step action plan for us when we are faced with sexual temptation?

"Money doesn't change men, it merely unmask them. If a man is naturally selfish or arrogant or greedy, the money brings that out, that's all." Do you agree with this quote from Henry Ford? Why or why not?

Read Genesis 42-45:15. This is a lengthy story of Joseph's original dream coming true. Why do you think Joseph messed with them so much before revealing his true identity? What lessons/principles can be learned about relationships and revenge from this story? What other life lessons does this exchange teach?