

# THE JOURNEY OF JOSEPH

## *“A Path of Faith, Freedom, Favor and Fruitfulness”*

*(Genesis 45:4-11)*

### ❖ **Fellowship with God** *(Genesis 37:5,9 Genesis 39:2,21 Genesis 40:8)*

*“Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more.”*  
*(Genesis 37:5)*

*“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.”* *(Genesis 37:9)*

Joseph’s unbroken fellowship with God was the pathway to his fruitfulness.

### ❖ **Favor with God and Man** *(Genesis 37:3; Genesis 39:4,21; Genesis 41:39-41)*

- When he was in his father’s house he had favor in the eyes of his father.
- When he was a slave in Potiphar’s house he had favor in the eyes of Potiphar.
- When he was a prisoner in jail he had favor in the eyes of the prison keeper.
- When he stood before Pharaoh he had favor in the eyes of Pharaoh.

### ❖ **Faithfulness in His Responsibilities** *(Genesis 37:2 Genesis 39:6,22,23)*

- Joseph was faithful and responsible with everything given to him!
- Joseph continued to be faithful even when he was a slave in Potiphar’s house.

- Joseph's faithfulness continued even in prison where he was put because of false accusations.

❖ **Fear of God** (*Genesis 39:7-20*)

Joseph had the fear of God in his heart.

*'How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God'.*

❖ **Forgiving Nature** (*Genesis 50:19-21 Genesis 40:14-15 Genesis 42:21*)

- Joseph had a forgiving heart.

WE ARE NOT FREE BECAUSE WE FORGIVE,  
WE FORGIVE BECAUSE WE ARE FREE!!!

- His brothers had caused untold suffering in his life.
- Potiphar's wife had falsely accused him.
- Joseph suffered while in prison.
- His forgiving nature was a powerful secret to his fruitfulness.

❖ **Fortitude** (*Psalms 105:19-20*)

Joseph had fortitude and endurance.

He endured ...

- Hatred: Genesis 37:4
- Envy: Genesis 37:11
- Slavery: Genesis 37:28
- Temptation: Genesis 39:7-10
- False Accusation: Genesis 39:14
- Prison life: Genesis 39:20
- Ingratitude: Genesis 40:23

❖ **Filled with the Spirit** (Genesis 41:38-44)

*“And Pharaoh said to his servants, ‘Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?’<sup>39</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. <sup>40</sup>You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.’ <sup>41</sup>And Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.’ <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>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. <sup>44</sup>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.’”*

- Joseph was filled with the Spirit of God. There was a supernatural dimension to his life.
- The fullness of the Spirit roots out strongholds. They two cannot co-exist. Freedom means deliverance from oppression.

- This spirit filled life helped Joseph remain free and accomplish great things in his life.