

G R O W T H N O T E S

MESSAGE SERIES:

Lessons On Refinement From The Life Of Joseph – Part 8a

***Scripture:* Jeremiah 29:11 & Genesis 41:51-52**

Today's Message:

“After All I’ve Been Through—I Still Have Joy”

***Jeremiah 29:11 NLT:* 11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.**

***Message Bible:* 11 I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out - plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.**

Genesis Chapter 41

Message Bible: Message Bible: 50 Joseph had two sons born to him before the years of famine came. Asenath, daughter of Potiphera the priest of On, was their mother.

51 Joseph named the firstborn Manasseh (Forget), saying, "God made me forget all my hardships and my parental home."

52 He named his second son Ephraim (Double Prosperity), saying, "God has prospered me in the land of my sorrow."

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In the book of Genesis, from the life of Joseph, son of Jacob and Rachel, we see invaluable lessons on how we can grow through and not just go through what life throws at us by

understanding that God can use every situation for our good.

The trajectory of Joseph's life led to him being **rejected, abandoned, despised, enslavement, entrapment, and imprisonment.** The amazing thing is that Joseph never gave up! Joseph's life could be summarized in one sentence—"In God's hands intended evil becomes eventual good.

This series of messages focusses on lessons that we learn from the life of Joseph and how he flourished in the midst of everything that he went through and how we can do the same.

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SUMMARY OF TODAY'S MESSAGE

After all he'd been through—Joseph still had joy and gratitude. *Joseph had more than a splash, he had causes to be ungrateful—but after all he had been through—he still had joy.* *Joseph's* story includes being abandoned, enslaved, betrayed, and estranged—*And Yet—*

try as we might to find tinges of bitterness—we don’t succeed—***But***—What we do discover is that there are two dramatic gestures of gratitude—it’s right here in the text that we tagged to teach, Genesis, Chapter 41, Verses 50-52. Joseph had two sons born to him before the famine came—Asenath, daughter of Potiphera, the Priest of On, was their Mother. Joseph named the firstborn, Manasseh, meaning “forget,” saying “God has made me forget all my hardships and my parental home. He named his second son, Ephraim, meaning “double prosperity,” saying God has prospered me in the land of my sorrow.

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***LESSONS FROM JOSEPH ON GOING
FROM BITTER TO BETTER***

***1. “Joseph Was Not Chained By The Pain Of
The Past.”***

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2. “Joseph Cherished The Circumstances Of The Present.”

- Joseph named his first child, Manasseh—meaning “God made me forget”—is the Hebrew phrase ma-na-shay—which means literally to leave the thought that precedes forgetting.
- It is the opposite of concentrating on something—because here Joseph is thanking God—here me well—for the gift of distraction.
- Joseph named his second child, Ephraim, which means, “God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.”

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***EXAMPLE OF JESUS HEALING THE
LEPERS IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE***

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3. *“Joseph Celebrated The Promise Of His Future.”*

- It’s subtle—but look at verse 51—Joseph says—“For God has made...”
- In verse 52—he says—“For God has caused...”
- After the dust of tests and trials settled on the ground—Joseph, the dreamer, quickly realized that what had been achieved was just the execution of the promises of God.
- He had to come through all of that—in order to get to this.
- It was God moving the events of his life—not people.

- As Joseph realized that—he was grateful—he was able to celebrate the promise of his future because he knew—and could affirm that no matter what had gone on—God was ultimately in control.