

Joseph, The Story of an Overcomer

The Bio of an Overcomer

Joseph was the favorite son.

Genesis 37:3-4 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, ... they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

Joseph was a trusted administrator.

Genesis 39:4 Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant ...

Joseph was a falsely accused felon.

Genesis 39:10 And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

Joseph was a forgotten Prisoner.

Genesis 40:23 The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

Joseph was second only to the King of Egypt.

Genesis 41:39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning

and wise as you. 40 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.

Joseph was a grace filled forgiver.

Genesis 50:19 But Joseph told them, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, to judge and punish you? 20 As far as I am concerned, God turned into good what you meant for evil. He brought me to the high position I have today so I could save the lives of many people. 21 No, don't be afraid. Indeed, I myself will take care of you and your families." And he spoke very kindly to them, reassuring them.

The M. O. of an Overcomer

1. The LORD was with Joseph.

2. The LORD prospered Joseph.

Genesis 39:2 The LORD was with Joseph and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. 3 When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, 4 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.

5 From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field.

Genesis 39:23 The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

Genesis 39:20 *...But while Joseph was there in the prison, 21 the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.*

22 *So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. 23 The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.*

3. Joseph was hardworking.

4. Joseph believed that the LORD was in control of his life, the good and the bad.

Genesis 45:4 *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 into Egypt! 5 And now, 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 45:8 *"So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.*

5. Joseph bore the unbearable.

6. Joseph forgave the unforgiveable.

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