

WHEN **PEOPLE** KNOCK YOU DOWN

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Genesis 37:4 (NLT)

But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn't say a kind word to him.

Genesis 37:23-27 (NLT)

So when Joseph arrived, his brothers ripped off the beautiful robe he was wearing. Then they grabbed him and threw him into the cistern. Now the cistern was empty; there was no water in it. Then, just as they were sitting down to eat, they looked up and saw a caravan of camels in the distance coming toward them. It was a group of Ishmaelite traders taking a load of gum, balm, and aromatic resin from Gilead down to Egypt. Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain by killing our brother? We'd have to cover up the crime. Instead of hurting him, let's sell him to those Ishmaelite traders. After all, he is our brother--our own flesh and blood!" And his brothers agreed.

DON'T LET OTHERS AFFECT YOUR INTEGRITY

Genesis 37:36 (NLT)

Meanwhile, the Midianite traders arrived in Egypt, where they sold Joseph to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Potiphar was captain of the palace guard.

Genesis 39:7-9 (NLT)

...and Potiphar's wife soon began to look at him lustfully. "Come and sleep with me," she demanded. But Joseph refused. "Look," he told her, "my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God."

TRUST GOD TO WORK IT OUT

Joseph became the 2nd most powerful man in the world!

Genesis 50:20 (NLT)

You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

Psalms 37:7 (NLT)

Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.

LEARN TO WALK IN FORGIVENESS

Genesis 50:18-19 (NLT)

Then his brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. "Look, we are your slaves!" they said. But Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you?"

Romans 12:19-21 (NASB)

Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay" says the Lord. "But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head" Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Genesis 39:2 (NLT)

The LORD was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master.

NEXT WEEK : RESILIENT - MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND

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