WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR WORLD IS
FALLING APART
GENESIS 37

Genesis 37:3-6

“Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he had been born to him in his old age, and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, “Listen to this dream I had:”

Genesis 37:18-20

But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. “Here comes that dreamer!” they said to each other. “Come now, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we’ll see what comes of his dreams.”

Genesis 45:4-8

“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! 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 45:4-8

For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. “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.”

7 Lessons from the Life of Joseph

FACT:

Dysfunctional Incomplete Families Produce Dysfunctional, Incomplete Individuals

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1 - He Established a Close Relationship with God *(Genesis 39:2-3)*

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2- Joseph Had a Sense of Purpose.

(Genesis 37:7)

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3- He Did Not Allow People to Make Him Bitter. He Allowed People to Make Him Better. *(Genesis 39-45)*

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4- He Worked to Bring to Pass the Dreams of Others. *(Genesis 45:7)*

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5- He Refused to Compromise.

(Genesis 39:6-12)

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6- He had Patience.

(Isaiah 40:30-31, Galatians 6:9)

Isaiah 40:30-31

“Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall, but Those Who Hope in the LORD Will Renew their Strength. They will Soar on Wings like Eagles; They Will Run and Not Grow Weary, They Will Walk and Not be Faint.”

Galatians 6:9

“Let us not become Weary in Doing Good, for at the Proper Time, We Will Reap a Harvest If We Do Not Give Up.”

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7- He was too busy working for the Lord to Waste Time Getting Even.

CONCLUSION:

Joseph's Attitude Should Be the Attitude That You and I Have in Life.

Philippians 4:11-13

“I am not saying this because I am in need, for I Have Learned to be Content Whatever the Circumstances. I know What it is to Be in Need, and I Know What it is to have Plenty. I have Learned the Secret of Being Content in any and Every Situation, Whether Well Fed or Hungry, Whether Living in Plenty or in Want. I Can Do all this through Him Who Gives Me Strength.”