

FEARLESS FAITH  
Joseph  
Genesis 37-  
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God had in mind a destination for Joseph.  
What would God have to do to lead him there?

God had a plan for Joseph to save a country and to birth a new country under his leadership. But it would be a rough road indeed.

### JOSEPH'S TWO DREAMS

*Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. 6 He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed: 7 Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." 8 His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words. Genesis 37:5-8 ESV*

His dreams tell of the future but his family despise him for his telling of his dreams and the favoritism by their father Jacob.

### THE BROTHERS PLOT TO GET RID OF JOSEPH

Jacob loved all his sons so he sent Joseph to check on them.  
God loves us so He sent His son to pay for our sins and save us.

*Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt. Genesis 37:28 ESV*

### JOSEPH IN EGYPT

Joseph was a sharp and intelligent young man.

*Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. 2 The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. Genesis 39:1-6 ESV*

Potiphar had Joseph put in prison.

### JOSEPH IN PRISON

*But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. 22 And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Genesis 39:21-22 ESV*

Two of Pharaoh's servants, his cupbearer and baker displeased him and he had them put in prison. Joseph was given the task of looking after them. After some time on the same night they both had a dream that greatly disturbed them.

### PHARAOH'S DREAM

Joseph explains that God is telling Pharaoh there are coming seven good years of abundance followed by seven years of famine. Pharaoh must prepare now if Egypt is to survive.

*Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. 40 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." 41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." 42 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. Genesis 41:39-42 ESV*

Jacob sent his ten sons to Egypt to buy grain for them so they would not starve.

When the brothers get there they are presented to the person in charge of the grain, Joseph. After some intrigue Joseph reveals himself to his brothers.

### GOD'S PLAN

God's plan was for Israel (Jacob) to take his family that totaled seventy people and move them to Egypt where they would reside in the land of Goshen for 400 years. There they would become a great nation.

Joseph lived by his faith in God.

*By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. Hebrews 11:22 ESV*