

Part 9 – Joseph Saw Gods Deliverance

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

- Knowing that nothing we do can produce anything worthwhile.
- Knowing that faith is the key to the supernatural power of the Almighty.
- Knowing that faith, real faith produces some action in the life of the believer for the glory of the Object of faith.
- As we go through the Hall of Faith and look at the images set before us
 - We want to truly see what their faith produced with the knowledge that the creation cannot create
 - only the Creator is truly producing anything.

- God is not giving them glory for anything other than trusting Him as He produced unbelievable things.

Hebrews 11:22 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

Genesis 50:24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, "I die: and God will surely visit you and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

- By faith Joseph was betrayed by his brethren
 - **Genesis 37:23** And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, *his coat of many colors* that was on him;
2 And they took him and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, *there was no water* in it.
- Sold into slavery

- **Genesis 37:26** And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit *is it* if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?

27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he *is* our brother *and* our flesh. And his brethren were content.

28 Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty *pieces* of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

- Wrongfully imprisoned

- **Genesis 39:20** And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

21 But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

- Then exalted above all his brethren

- **Genesis 43:26** And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house and bowed themselves to him to the earth.

- Yet His focus always seemed to be on God's Glory in this life...

- He was a great representation of Christ in most of what we see in his life.
- **Faith produced all that,**
 - Yet this is his abduction into the **Hall of Faith,**
 - he knew Egypt **was not his home**
- By faith we can accomplish so many wonderful things for God's Glory in this life,
 - I only need to focus on Christ.
 - What seems to happen too often though is that I get comfortable.
 - Comfortable in my office working on sermons or slides.
 - Comfortable in singing songs and playing instruments.
 - Comfortable in my home with my family and my binge watching.
 - Comfortable in my complaisant life of living by faith
 - but this world is not my home
 - I am a wayfaring stranger sent to speak of the home that Christ has prepared.
 - Joseph knew that
 - Lord, help me to remember that I have been given life abundant here
 - but it is so I can prepare for there.

