



**Ordinary People,
Extraordinary God.**

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Joseph – From Mess to Miracle

Christians get into more messes than we can often handle. When we do, it is easy to exclude the _____ and do it our way. At special occasions, family mess usually surfaces. Things can be different. Our lives can be guided by _____ and marked by _____ & _____ when we let God work things out. It takes _____.

Let's look at a family in Genesis 37.

This is the story of Joseph and his brothers.

Joseph was _____ by his father.

Joseph was a dreamer. His dreams and sharing them got him in trouble with his family, especially his brothers. (Gen.37:5-11)

His brothers envied him. Envy is the seedbed for _____ to grow! (Gen. 37:11; 1 Jo. 3:15)

Now the brothers unfold a plan to get rid of Joseph.

Joseph gets dumped into a _____. Sometimes relationships are the pits! (Gen. 37:23,24)

We get thrown into other pits like job loss, failing health, a sudden death of a loved one, an accident, a hurtful family argument, etc.

BUT GOD! (Gen. 16:13)

Reuben tried to turn things around, but it was too late! (Gen. 37:29)

Joseph was sold into slavery!

Joseph then goes from the pit to being sold to _____.

Joseph is in the household of Pharaoh! God's at work in this family mess!

Genesis 39:1-6

Something happens to Joseph that gets him thrown into prison! (Gen.39:1-20)

Joseph goes from the _____, to _____, to _____.

Remember God is still at work! This thing isn't over yet!

God's getting ready to turn this _____ into a _____!

Remember, "thou God seest me!"

Pharoah has a dream in Gen. 41.

Joseph, the dreamer, interpreted Pharoah's dream. (Gen. 41:25)

It got him promoted! (Gen. 41:41)

Now we have gone from the Pit to Potiphar to Prison to the Palace! Wow! God is at work! (Gen. 41:45) Joseph gets his name changed to "Savior of the World."

We still have a family mess going on *But God!*

The plot thickens. There is a famine in the land. Joseph sets up a plan to handle the famine.

Joseph's family comes to Egypt to get some food! (Gen. 42:7, 23-28)

Joseph recognizes them, but they do not recognize Joseph! (Family mess still hurts Joseph. (Gen. 42:24; 43:30)

The pain is real! (Gen. 45:1)

But there is the _____.

Gen. 50:19-21

Pit, Potiphar, Prison, Palace, Pardon!

Family Mess can turn into a Miracle when there is _____, _____, &
_____!

Perfect picture of Jesus Christ and what He did for us!

It takes time!