

# Joseph

## *Pt.4 – Why Me?*

*Mal. 3:8 “Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ “In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup>You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. <sup>10</sup>Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”*

*Deut. 11:26 “See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse - <sup>27</sup> the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today; <sup>28</sup>the curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.*

*Lk. 6:37 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup>Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”*

### **When things are going wrong:**

#### Keep doing right.

*Gen. 40:1 “Some time later, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their master, the king of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>Pharaoh was angry with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, <sup>3</sup>and put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the same prison where Joseph was confined. <sup>4</sup>The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he attended them.*

*Gal. 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.*

#### Put others first.

*<sup>4</sup>After they had been in custody for some time, <sup>5</sup>each of the two men - the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were being held in prison - had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own. <sup>6</sup>When Joseph came to them the next morning, he saw that they were dejected. <sup>7</sup>So he asked Pharaoh’s officials who were in custody with him in his master’s house, “Why are your faces so sad today?”*

#### Remember - God is my source.

*<sup>8</sup>“We both had dreams,” they answered, “but there is no one to interpret them.” Then Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams.”*

*II Cor. 1:8 We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. <sup>9</sup>In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God...*

*Ps. 34:19 A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all...*