



“Our Greatest Witness often develops  
from our Failure and Adversity”

Genesis 37:12-36; Genesis 39:1-23

Part IV: From our Series on “Witnessing”

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Witnessing is beyond what we say it is also what we don't say, by the way we live our life

- ▶ This morning we will learn from Joseph life how to witness in the midst of our adversity and trials.

## Questions we need to ask?

- ▶ Why was Joseph hated by His brothers?
- ▶ Why were Joseph brothers plotting to kill him?

# Five essential points we need to understand and put into practice

1. We are going to experience adversity and hardship
2. We don't have to do anything wrong to experience adversity, failure and hardship

# Five essential points to put into practice

- ▶ **3. Trials and adversity** reveal our real character.
- ▶ The person we truly are is revealed through trials

# Five Essential Points to put into Practice

- ▶ 4. If we remain faithful in the midst of our trials and adversity, we will at some point experience a **“But God” Moment**

# What is a “But God Moment?”

- ▶ It is a moment when we have been faithful and God shows up in the midst of our trials and adversity and start to make provisions for us. Genesis 39:1-23

# Five essential Points to put into practice

- ▶ 5. God has a way of intervening in our life when we are at our lowest point.

# We all struggle in Life

- ▶ We all struggle in life with some issue. There is no such thing as life being void of struggles. “The key to life is struggling well.”

# Joseph as a picture of Jesus Christ

## ▶ Joseph

- ▶ Was the well-beloved son of his father (Genesis 37:3)
- ▶ Lived in Hebron, the place of fellowship, with his father before he was sent to his brethren (Genesis 37:14).
- ▶ His father sent him, but he was perfectly willing to go (Genesis 37:13)
- ▶ Testified against his brothers' sin and they hated him (Genesis 37:2).

## ▶ Jesus

- ▶ Was the well-beloved Son of His Father (Matthew 3:17).
- ▶ Lived in Heaven, the place of fellowship, before coming to the earth ( John 17:5)
- ▶ His Father sent Him, but He was perfectly willing to go (John 3:16, Phil. 2:5-7).
- ▶ Testifies against their sin, and men hated him (John 15:18).

# Joseph as a picture of Jesus Christ

## ▶ Joseph

- ▶ Revealed to them the exalted position he would hold in the future, and they hated him the more (Genesis 37:5-8).
- ▶ His brethren plot against him (Genesis 37:19-20).
- ▶ Judah sell him for twenty pieces of silver (Genesis 37:26 and 28).
- ▶ Was tempted and did not yield (Genesis 39).

## ▶ Jesus

- ▶ Revealed to man the exalted position He would hold in the future, and they hated Him the more ( Matthew 24:30, 31).
- ▶ His brethren, according to the flesh (the Jews), plot against Him ( Luke 20:13-14; Luke 19:46-47).
- ▶ Judah sells Him for thirty pieces of silver (Math. 26:15).
- ▶ Was tempted but did not yield (Math. 4:1-11).

# Joseph as a picture of Jesus Christ

## ▶ Joseph

- ▶ Accused wrongfully ( Genesis 39:13-18)
- ▶ Put in the Egyptian dungeon, the place of death, with two malefactors (Genesis 39:20).
- ▶ One of the malefactors died and the other lived ( Genesis 40:21-22)
- ▶ Was raised from the place of death by the king of the Land. ( Genesis 41:14).

## ▶ Jesus

- ▶ Accused wrongfully ( Matthew 26:59,65).
- ▶ Put on the cross, the place of death, with two malefactors (Mark15:27,28).
- ▶ One of the malefactors died and the other lived-spiritually (Luke 23:39-43).
- ▶ Was raised from the place of death by the King of the Universe ( Ephes. 1:19-20).

# Joseph as a picture of Jesus Christ

## ▶ Joseph

- ▶ Was given all power in Egypt (Genesis 41:42-44).
- ▶ After his exaltation took Gentile bride to share his glory ( Genesis 41:45).
- ▶ Acknowledged to be the savior of the people and their ruler ( Genesis 47:25).

## ▶ Jesus

- ▶ Was given all power in heaven and earth ( Matthew 18:28).
- ▶ After His exaltation takes Gentile bride (the church) to share His glory ( Eph. 5:23-32).
- ▶ Acknowledged to be Savior and Ruler of the Universe ( Phil. 2:10-11).

# as a picture of Jesus Christ

## ▶ Joseph

- ▶ All must get their bread ( physical life) through Joseph ( Genesis 41:55-57).
- ▶ Given all honor to the king, and delivers all things into his hands ( Genesis 47:14-20).
- ▶ Knew the past history of his brethren ( Genesis 42:33).
- ▶ Forgave the sins of his brothers against him (Genesis 45:4-15)

## ▶ Jesus

- ▶ All must get spiritual life through Jesus Christ ( Acts 4:12).
- ▶ Given all honor to the King ( God) and delivers all things into His Hands ( I Cor. 15:24).
- ▶ Knew what was in man ( John 2:24-25 Mathew 9:4).
- ▶ Forgave the sins of the world. ( John 3:16)