

Joseph – From Pit to Palace

Genesis 37:1-36; Genesis 39:1-23;
Genesis 50:15-21

Into the Pit - Genesis 37:1-23

- ▣ Joseph was his father's favorite
- ▣ God has a plan for Joseph
- ▣ The brothers' plan for Joseph

From Pit to Potiphar's House

Genesis 37:25-36

- ▣ Joseph is sold into slavery
 - Joseph is saved from death but is instead placed into slavery
- ▣ God is working, even in the difficult times

From Potiphar's House to Prison - Genesis 39:1-23

- ▣ God blesses Joseph where he is
- ▣ Joseph is falsely accused of attempted rape by Potiphar's wife
- ▣ Joseph holds on to his integrity

From Prison to Promotion

Genesis 39:20-23; Genesis 41:14-16, 39-44

- ▣ Joseph is sent to prison on the false charge
 - Joseph remains faithful
- ▣ Even in prison, God continues to bless Joseph
- ▣ God uses dreams and visions

From Persecution to Pardon

Genesis 50:15-21

- ▣ The brothers come to Joseph for salvation from famine and death
- ▣ The brothers fear Joseph's wrath, but Joseph extends forgiveness
- ▣ Joseph's forgiveness allows for the restoration of his relationships with his brothers

Joseph as a Type of Christ

- ▣ Joseph was falsely accused, persecuted, and punished
 - Jesus was also falsely accused, persecuted and punished
- ▣ Joseph suffered at the hands of those he loved
 - Jesus also suffered at the hands of his people
- ▣ God brought redemption to Joseph
 - God brought redemption to the world through Jesus
- ▣ Joseph showed grace and forgiveness to his brothers though they did not deserve it
 - Jesus showed grace and forgiveness at the cross for all of us, though we did not deserve it

What Does it Mean?

- ▣ Trust God in difficult times
- ▣ Forgive those who ask for it, for this is how relationships are restored
- ▣ Faithfulness and integrity are critical traits for Christians
- ▣ God has a plan