

## Joseph--Week 3

### Sold to the Lowest Bidder

Gen 37:28 So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt. 29 When Reuben returned to the cistern and saw that Joseph was not there, he tore his clothes. 30 He went back to his brothers and said, "The boy isn't there! Where can I turn now?" 31 Then they got Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. 32 They took the ornamented robe back to their father and said, "We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe." 33 He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces." 34 Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. 35 All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. "No," he said, "in mourning will I go down to the grave to my son." So his father wept for him. 36 Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard. NIV

- Most of the \_\_\_\_\_ of life usually catch us off guard.
- Joseph was thrown into a hole and \_\_\_\_\_ for his lifestyle and purity.
- Our life is reduced to one quest: "get out, and never let anyone \_\_\_\_\_ again."
- The pits of life never have easy \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our pit may be the \_\_\_\_\_ to trust the way God takes us.
- Our own sinful flesh and \_\_\_\_\_ can hold us hostage when we try to build our home in the pits of bad decisions.
- God desires \_\_\_\_\_ and obedience.

Truths about Joseph and his slavery:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ never staked its claim on Joseph.
2. Anger never turned to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Joseph's heart was wounded, but never \_\_\_\_\_.

Heb 3:13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

4. Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_ to trust God never went astray.

2 Sam 22:26 "To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless, 27 to the pure you show yourself pure  
Ps 31:23 The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full. 24 Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

- Even when we can't see God's \_\_\_\_\_, we can trust God's heart.
- Joseph not only survived, he \_\_\_\_\_.
- God does not give us an \_\_\_\_\_ life. He gives us \_\_\_\_\_ as we overcome.
- God, through Jesus Christ, gives us the ability to overcome, not in our \_\_\_\_\_ or ability, but in Him as He lives in us.
- The strain of life is what builds our strength and \_\_\_\_\_.

The Brothers' Trickery

- \_\_\_\_\_ is a poor place to try and hide when dealing with a living God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ never corrects itself-- it only leads to greater problems and lies.

Truths for us today:

1. God does not always deal with \_\_\_\_\_ the way we want.
2. There is value in \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ living in a do-whatever-you-want culture.
3. God honors \_\_\_\_\_ and perseverance in times of trouble or doubt.
4. Joseph teaches us to honor God with \_\_\_\_\_ and a good work ethic.
5. Trials have a way of \_\_\_\_\_ our true selves and our pride.
6. Use these times to \_\_\_\_\_ to God and to prepare you for His plan.