

Joseph Week 5

Pit to Potiphar's House

Gen 39:1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there. 2 The LORD was with Joseph and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. 3 When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, 4 Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. 5 From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. 6 So he left in Joseph's care everything he had; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

- For a moment, the brothers seem to have had their _____.
- God will usually _____ us before He exalts us.
- Being humbled can be a good thing when it brings us to a deeper _____ on God.
- Joseph lost everything except his _____.

God's Blessings to Joseph

1. He is assigned to the _____ staff.
2. Potiphar will learn that this Hebrew is also a _____ of the Most High God.
3. Joseph is skilled in _____ and proves himself valuable to his master.
Don't ever overestimate your importance but neither should you _____ what God can do through you.
4. Potiphar had to be _____ that Joseph gave credit to God for all his abilities.

Poor self worth leads to false _____.

- False humility uses life situations to _____ acting ugly.
- False humility is preoccupied with what I need to _____ instead of listening and caring.
- False humility has an inability to _____ at oneself when others do the joking.
- False humility is being willing to give the shirt off my back, but having to call a press conference when I do it.
- False humility is easily _____.

5. Joseph skills and humility got him more _____.
6. God was involved _____ in Joseph's life.
7. Joseph's _____ was recognized by Potiphar and the other servants.
8. Greater faith and diligence bring greater _____.

Thomas Carlye a Scottish writer says, *"Adversity is sometimes hard upon a man, but for one man who can stand prosperity, there are a hundred that will stand adversity. The temptations that comes with prosperity are far greater and far more subtle than those that accompany adversity."*

What was the secret to Joseph's success?

1. He _____ God in spite of the problems.
2. Joseph's life can be summed up with one phrase "_____".
 - Joseph was determined not to be a _____.
 - Remember, the will of God is good and acceptable. And _____!
 - Joseph had to learn life's _____ before he was trusted with life's _____.

Final thoughts:

1. Joseph was _____ to accept his role in life.
2. Joseph _____ and looked to educate himself, to do things in a better way.
3. Joseph was _____ and his zeal affected others in a positive way.
4. Finally, we see a man of boundless _____.