

THE STORY OF GENESIS

Divine Preparation

Genesis 37-41

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Gold is Refined in Fire

Have you ever experienced something painful, that turned out to make you better, or turned into a better opportunity? When we experience bad things, it can feel like we are “in the fire”.

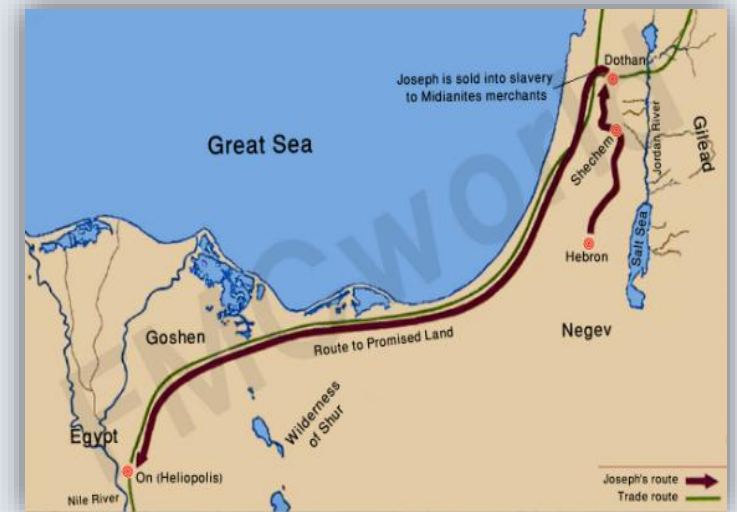
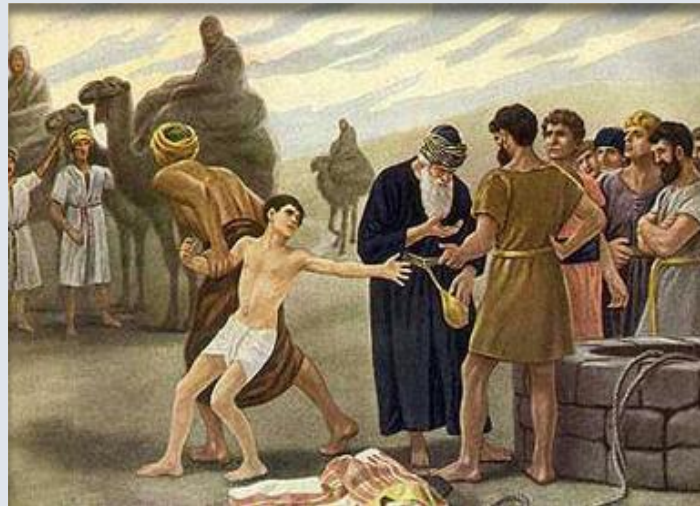


- Failing a test can teach better study habits, time management, and how to recover from setbacks.
- Growing up with little money can make a person more resourceful, disciplined, and appreciative of stability.
- Losing a job may push someone to develop new skills, change careers, or build financial discipline.

Joseph - Betrayed by his brothers

Chapter 37: ²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? ²⁷ Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed.

Joseph was betrayed by his brothers. Their actions were unthinkable, and some of the worst actions in the Bible.



A Lowly Servant, A Higher Calling



[Joseph in Egypt \(Genesis 39-41\)](#)

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What were some ways that Joseph suffered?

He was beaten and sold by his brothers.

He was bought and forced into slavery.

He was thrown in prison for a lie.

He was forgotten by the prisoner he saved.

How could God use that for Joseph's future?

Joseph became humble and patient.

Joseph learned the Egyptian customs.

Joseph learned to run a household and a jail.

Joseph gained respect of high Egyptian officials.

Joseph was being prepared to take on the responsibility of the 2nd highest authority in Egypt. He learned servitude, empathy, patience, and wisdom.

Trusting God Every Step of the Way

In what ways did Joseph demonstrate that he trusted God completely in the face of hardship?

Joseph was recognized as trustworthy by Potiphar. (Potiphar could have had him killed for those accusations).

Joseph was recognized for his leadership in jail. He continued serving God faithfully even in injustice.

Joseph was put in the 2nd highest position in Egypt for his wisdom, which he relied on God to help him.



Let's Think About it



When we are going through a tough time, what might it be preparing us for later?

How should we react when people don't treat us the way they should?

What bigger story was God setting up to happen later? (Exodus).