

BACKSTAGE PASS A STAR IS BORN

I. Joseph's Circumstances

Joseph's difficulties can be summarized in three words:

Rejected
Slandered
Forgotten

Genesis 37: 4 When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

Genesis 37:22 Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this well here in the desert, but don't lay a hand on him.

Genesis 39:7-8,10 and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"
But he refused.... And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

Genesis 37:17 (LB) That Hebrew slave tried to rape me!

Genesis 40:14,23 But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

Proverbs 16:9 "In his heart, a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps."

II. Joseph's Character

1. Joseph is a responsible man.

Genesis 39:22 ...the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there.

Genesis 41:38: "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?"

Luke 16:10 Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, do it with all your heart.

2. Joseph was a moral man.

3. Joseph believed God was good.

Genesis 50:20 He said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So don't be afraid."

3 things to remember when you're at rock bottom:

1. Remember it has not taken God by surprise.

2. Remember the Sovereignty of God. (Which means God rules)

3. Remember it may get worse before it gets better.

Genesis 45:5 Do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.