

## Heroes – Joseph – 2

### Psalm 75:6

6 For promotion and power come from nowhere on earth,  
but only from God. TLB

- All promotion and authority come from God
- If we don't take the steps to prepare we will not achieve the fullness of the plan he has for our lives

## The story of Joseph

### Genesis 37:5

5 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers;  
and they hated him even more. NKJV

Joseph dreamed that everyone would bow to him including  
his brothers and father

God needed to build character for Joseph to receive the  
promotions that would take him to his destiny

Joseph was 17 at the time

He was put over the granaries and all of Egypt  
when he was 30

7 years of abundance 7 years of famine before he was  
reunited with his family – at least 44 years old

There is a Prophetic word – Tests your faith  
There is a literal word – Tests your Character

(Last Week) Pride

The root of Pride – Insecurity

The fruit of insecurity is pride

The key is abiding in Him

## 2 Timothy 1:8-12 – Paul a prisoner

8 Therefore **do not be ashamed** of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the **sufferings for the gospel** according to the power of God, 9 who has **saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose** and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, 10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, 11 to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

12 For this reason I also suffer these things; **nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.** NKJV

- Paul was seeking God first
- He was not seeking the dream
- He was not seeking a position
- He was seeking God

It is better to chase after the one who gives the dream then chase the dream

If you want to know what God has dreamed for your life, get to know Him better

Get to know Him as a **friend**

The only way we can know if the dream is ours or his is by spending time with Him

If all you think about is your dream or your calling and do everything YOU can to MAKE IT HAPPEN then it's more important then He is – you will have trouble fulfilling it!

### Psalm 37:3-6

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.  
4 **Delight** yourself also in the LORD,  
And He shall give you the **desires** of your heart.  
5 Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him,  
And He shall bring it to pass.  
6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
And your justice as the noonday. NKJV

### The Principle of the Pit

Just when I had others plans “Life” happened  
Things could seem to be going well and all of a sudden...

Having a pit experience or several is inevitable  
What matters is how well I directed my attitude while in the pit

### Genesis 37:18-20

18 Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him. 19 Then they said to one another, "Look, **this dreamer is coming!** 20 Come therefore, let us now kill him and **cast him into some pit**; and we shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' We shall see what will become of his dreams!" NKJV

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Sometimes others are the problem

- There will always be someone who doesn't want to see your dream come to pass
- You can't do that
- Who do you think you are?
- He was father's favorite – Jealousy
- They probably recognized the coat

Sometimes I'm the problem

- They called him dreamer
- They were working in the fields
- Do I live with my head in the clouds?
- Do I believe that I am better than others?
- Do I think that the problem is everyone else?
- Can I be corrected or receive instruction? – **Pr. 15:32**

Joseph was out “Wandering” (vacillate) “Dreamer” when a man found him and directed him to his brothers  
– **Genesis 37:15**

Things seemed to be going very well  
Until he is thrown into a pit

The truth is life will have pits – things that resist the Dream  
God has given us

The Devil wants you to think “See what will become of his dreams”

God will use the pits in life to bring about His plan and purpose

### Genesis 37:21-24

21 But Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands, and said, "Let us not kill him." 22 And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit which is in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him" — that he might deliver him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father. 23 So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him. 24 Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; there was no water in it. NKJV

- In the pit you are all alone
- Even those closest can't seem to help
- Your destiny is unsure
- Does God really have the best for me?

Joseph was out “Day dreaming” when a man found him and directed him to his brothers

Things seemed to be going very well

Until he is thrown into a pit

### John 16:33

33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." NKJV

- Trouble is a result of a fallen world
- Some times things just happen
- Some times we invite them

No matter what the reason it is always a good practice to ask God to reveal what we can learn from the pit we are in

Like it or not most times there are reasons that we are facing the pit we are in

We are surrounded by a world with a victim mentality

We need to learn to be honest with ourselves and allow God to bring us out – Humility

It is very possible that pride had something to do with the pit that Joseph was in

God has given us wonderful gifts but if those gifts consume us or we forget that they are gifts we may find ourselves in a pit

The Enemy will tell us lies in the Pit

**Revelation 12:10 – (The Devil) The accuser of the brethren**

- You will never get out of this pit
- God doesn't love you anymore
- You will never amount to anything
- Everyone else gets the breaks
  
- The accuser will say...
- Look at what God did to you
- Look at what He let happen to you
- He doesn't care about you

There is a difference between condemnation and conviction

Condemnation will cause you to lose all hope  
It's all over why call out to God for help  
He doesn't care anyway

Conviction tells you where you're wrong and shows the way out through love, repentance and forgiveness

He will cause others to present evidence to support the lie  
He is trying to get you to believe

We must resist the lies of the enemy

### James 4:7-8

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. NKJV

- I should have gotten that job
- I'll never get promoted
- We'll never make enough money
- We'll never get that house
- I married the wrong spouse
- Our personalities are opposite
- We should not be together
- The psychiatrist's test said we're incompatible

The bible is a message of restoration  
God is in the restoration business

The purpose of the Pit is to get us to cry out to God  
To humble our heart before the lord  
Receive his correction and instruction

### Jonah 2:2

2 "I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction,  
And He answered me. NKJV

### Psalm 32:3-5

3 When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my  
groaning all the day long. 4 For day and night Your hand  
was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the  
drought of summer. Selah 5 I acknowledged my sin to You,  
and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess  
my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the  
iniquity of my sin. NKJV

- Holding on to bitterness and resentment will keep us  
in the pit
- Confession and openness will bring restoration
- Sin is gone Righteousness is yours

### Psalm 32:6-8

6 For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You  
In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of  
great waters they shall not come near him. 7 You are my  
hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble;  
You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.  
Selah 8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you  
should go; I will guide you with My eye. NKJV



## 2 Corinthians 4:8-14

8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed — 10 **always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus**, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. 11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death is working in us, but life in you. 13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, 14 knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. NKJV

- Not forsaken, not destroyed
- I died; He took my sin and gave me His righteousness
- Speak life into my situation
- You will speak what you believe and you will believe what you speak
- My life is hidden in Him

## 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the **inward man** is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. NKJV