

## Heroes – Joseph – 3

### Genesis 37:5

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

There is a Prophetic word – Tests your faith

There is a literal word – Tests your Character

Great destinies carry great responsibilities – responsibilities that require strong character

God will give us a glimpse of what He wants our life to look like

There is a process to build our character on the way to where we're going

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

The Principle of Pride

The root of Pride – Insecurity

The Principle of the Pit

The Enemy will tell us lies in the Pit

- The Enemy will tell others lies to support the lie he's telling us
- There is a difference between condemnation and conviction

## The Principle of Good Stewardship

### Luke 16:10-12

10 He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. 11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? NKJV

- What I do in the small things matters
- What I do when no one is looking matters
- What I am trustworthy with today affects tomorrow
- Am I honest?
- Must be faithful with another's to have my own
- Have I been faithful with my Time, Treasure, Talents?

Have I made the promises of God and my relationship with Him the most important thing in my life?

Test:

What's the first thing I think of in the morning?

What's the last thing I think of in the evening?

Do I love to spend time in the presence of the Lord?

Am I looking for ways to reach out to others?

Selfless living is a sign of time in the Lords presence

Is my life about others?

Or is my life about me?

What would I not give up?

### Genesis 39:1-6

1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there. 2 The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a **successful man**; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. 3 And **his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand**. 4 So **Joseph** found favor in his sight, and **served him**. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority. 5 So it was, from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field. 6 Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. NKJV

- The Lord was with Joseph
- Do others know that the Lord is with me?
- Does the presence of God make a tangible difference in my life?
- In the lives of others?
- Do I experience the favor of God?
- Even after Joseph is thrown in prison for something he didn't do he served the keeper of the prison

### Genesis 39:7

7 And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." NKJV

- Pressured him day by day – **Vs. 10**

## Thrown in Prison

### Genesis 39:20-23

20 Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison. 21 But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. 22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. 23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper. NKJV

- God continued to bless Joseph
- He was faithful as a slave and a prisoner
- What if all that I touched prospered?
- My marriage
- My children
- My job
- My health
- My relationships
- Even in the trials

If you are not prospering in all of these areas it is very possible, if not probable that you are not be putting good stewardship to practice in every area of your life

God wants us to prosper and succeed in every area of our lives

Prosperity is not a bad word it is a biblical word

### Genesis 26:12-13

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. 13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; NKJV

- He prospered
- He continued prospering
- He became VERY prosperous
- What is my progression?

### 2 Peter 3:18

18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. NKJV

The word prosper is used 84 times in the Bible

- The Hebrew meaning – to push forward or to make progress
- The Greek meaning – to help on the road

God wants to help us on the road

That help comes in the form of prosperity or provision

### 3 John 2

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. NKJV

- Prosperity is found in the soul
- Our mind, will and emotions
- The key is the presence of the Lord

The only way for your soul to prosper is to live out of the presence of the Lord which produces a willingness to please (obey) the Lord

### 2 Chronicles 17:3-4

3 Now the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the former ways of his father David; he did not seek the Baals, 4 but sought the God of his father, and walked in His commandments and not according to the acts of Israel. NKJV

- Jehoshaphat obeyed the lord
- He followed his father's examples
- God wants to prosper us – we need to adjust our thinking for that to happen

### 1 Samuel 18:12-14 (NLT 1<sup>st</sup> pub.)

12 for Saul was afraid of him, and he was jealous because the LORD had left him and was now with David. 13

Finally, Saul banned him from his presence and appointed him commander over only a thousand men, but David faithfully led his troops into battle.

14 David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the LORD was with him.

- The presence of God was with David because of obedience
- The presence of God left Saul because of disobedience

God had given Saul specific instructions in 1 Samuel 15

Saul decided to do what he wanted to

As a result the kingdom was taken from him and given to David

## Luke 19:12-26 NKJV

12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 So he called **ten of his servants**, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, **'Do business till I come.'** 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.' 15 "And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, 'Master, **your mina** has earned ten minas.' 17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' 18 And the second came, saying, 'Master, **your mina** has earned five minas.' 19 Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.' 20 "Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. 21 **For I feared you, because you are an austere man.** You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' 22 And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. 23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' 24 "And he said to those who stood by, **'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.'** 25 (But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.') 26 **'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.'**

## Isaiah 1:19-20

19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; 20 But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword"; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken. NKJV

- Am I serving the Lord willingly?
- Have I been obedient?
- To the word
- Do I consider Gods word my standard for success?
- Compromise will steal the blessings of God?
- Do I feel like I'm being devoured by the sword?

The Lord doesn't want us to obey just for the sake of obeying

He wants our hearts so in love with Him that we want to obey and live life for Him

## 2 Chronicles 16:9 NKJV

9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."

- God is looking for (fully committed) (NLT) hearts
- These are the ones that will be strengthened
- Commitment brings obedience
- The more committed the more obedient
- Blessings flow out of obedience
- Living life out of the Truth