

# JOSEPH: GOD'S GOOD PURPOSES

Genesis Series – Joseph – Study # 62

## Introduction

Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is what made him so outstanding.

## Text: Genesis 49:28-50:26

### The Story

1. Jacob's \_\_\_\_\_ (49:28-33)
2. Jacob's \_\_\_\_\_ (50:1-14)
3. Joseph's Brothers Fear \_\_\_\_\_ (50:15-18)  
\_\_\_\_\_ has a way of lingering even though we are \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ His Brothers (50:19-21)  
(Romans 12:17-21)
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Joseph (50:22-26)  
Joseph continued to show \_\_\_\_\_ until the \_\_\_\_\_ of his life.  
(Exodus 13:19; Joshua 24:32)

### Lessons from Joseph's Life

1. God sovereignly works \_\_\_\_\_ things for His \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Romans 8:28)
2. We must never excuse our \_\_\_\_\_, even when God brings \_\_\_\_\_ about in spite of it. (James 1:13-15; Romans 6)  
If our sin results in some \_\_\_\_\_, that doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ our sin.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ can bring about good if we trust in God.
  - It can be an opportunity to share the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Philippians 1:12)
  - It can help us understand \_\_\_\_\_ of others. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
  - It can produce \_\_\_\_\_. (James 1:2-4)
  - It can lead to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When we are wronged, we should \_\_\_\_\_ and not seek \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 4:32; Romans 12:17-21)
5. As Joseph faced death, he was \_\_\_\_\_ with both man and God.
  - He had no bitterness or anger toward \_\_\_\_\_.
  - His \_\_\_\_\_ in God characterized all of his life.

## **Similarities between the life of Joseph and the life of Christ:**

- Both were loved by their father (Genesis 37:3; Matthew 3:17)
- Both were shepherds of their father's sheep (Genesis 37:2; John 10:11-16)
- Both were sent by their father to their brothers – Joseph's brothers hated him and sought to kill him – Jesus' blood brothers rejected him and his spiritual brothers sought to kill him (Genesis 37:13ff; John 7:3; Luke 20:47)
- Both had a personal robe that was taken from them (Genesis 37:23-24; John 19:24)
- Both spent time in Egypt (Genesis 37:25-28; Matthew 2:14-15)
- Both were sold for the price of a slave (Genesis 37:28; Matthew 26:15)
- Both were bound in chains (Psalm 105:18; Genesis 39:20; Matthew 27:2)
- Both were tempted and resisted it (Genesis 39:7-10; Matthew 4:1-11)
- Both were falsely accused (Genesis 39:16-17; Matthew 26:59)
- Both were placed with two other prisoners, one of whom was saved and the other lost (Genesis 40:2-22; Luke 23:32-43)
- Both began their ministries at the age of thirty (Genesis 41:46; Luke 3:23)
- Both were exalted by God after a season of suffering (Genesis 41:41-43; Philippians 2:9-11)
- Both forgave those who harmed them (Genesis 45:1-15; Luke 23:34)
- Both were sent by God to save many (Genesis 45:7; Matthew 1:21; Mark 10:45)
- Both understood that God turned evil into good (Genesis 50:20; Romans 8:28)

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