

# MESSAGE NOTES

## “Practical Teaching for Everyday Living”

### SHAPING YOU FOR A HIGHER PURPOSE

*Epic Stories*

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And we know that **in all things God works for the good** of those who love him, who have been **called according to his purpose.** Rom. 8:28

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE DAY - **GOD REDEEMS THE TOUGHEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES FOR A GREATER GOOD.**

### WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

1. **STAY** \_\_\_\_\_, **EVEN IF YOUR** \_\_\_\_\_

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. Gen. 37:4

His brothers **were jealous of him**, but his father kept the matter in mind. Gen. 37:11

THE BROTHERS SOLD HIM INTO \_\_\_\_\_.

Meanwhile, the Midianites **sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar**, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard. Gen. 37:36

THE RESULTS OF \_\_\_\_\_

**The Lord was with Joseph** and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. **When his master saw that the Lord was with him** and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar **put him in charge of his household**, and **he entrusted to his care everything he owned.** Gen. 39-2-4

2. **STAY** \_\_\_\_\_, **EVEN IF YOUR** \_\_\_\_\_

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while **his master's wife took notice** of Joseph and said, **"Come to bed with me!"** Gen. 39:7

But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; **everything he owns he has entrusted to my care.** No one is greater in this house than I am. **My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife.** How then could I do such **a wicked thing and sin against God?**" Gen. 39:8-9

Then she told him (Potiphar) this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us **came to me to make sport of me.** But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house." Gen. 39:18

Joseph's master took him and **put him in prison**, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. Gen. 39:20

But while Joseph was there in the prison, **the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor** in the eyes of the prison warden. Gen. 39:21

**3. STAY \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD, EVEN IF YOUR \_\_\_\_\_**

When Joseph came to them the next morning, **he saw that they were dejected**. So he asked Pharaoh's officials who were in custody with him in his master's house, "**Why are your faces so sad today?**" Gen. 40:7

"We both had dreams," they answered, "but there is no one to interpret them."  
Then Joseph said to them, "**Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams.**" Gen. 40:8

The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; **he forgot him**. Gen. 40:23