

# REACH OUT AND TOUCH PRISON MINISTRY

## BIBLE STUDY - SERIES 2 - LESSON #7

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### LESSONS FROM LIFE OF JOSEPH: FAITHFUL IN A DIFFICULT PLACE

**DEFINITION: FAITHFUL** – Dedicated, Devoted, Devout, Loyal, Steady, True to one's word, promises, vows

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Be thou **faithful** unto death and I will give you a crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)

- 1) Faithfulness in the Scripture above is holding on to God and your faith, and continuing even in the face of suffering. Name a few things that Joseph suffered (**Genesis 37:1-36**)

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- 2) Read **Genesis Chapter 39**. Four (4) times it states "The Lord was with Joseph" What are the verses? 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) Joseph was taken away from his family and home. Where was he taken, what was his relationship with God and how did God bless him? (**Genesis 39:1-6**)

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- 4) Even though God was with Joseph, the enemy tested his faithfulness to God. What happened to Joseph, how did he react, and where did he end up? **Gen. 39:7-20**

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- 5) Because Joseph was faithful to God, what did God do for him? (**Gen. 39:21-23**) \_\_\_\_\_

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6) Even though Joseph was stripped of everything, God blessed him with a **gift** that he did not lose in prison. What was the gift and how did it profit Joseph? (Genesis Chp 40 & 41)

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7) Joseph was faithful to God and God was faithful to Joseph. God delivered him from a \_\_\_\_\_ ( Gen 37:23-24) a \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 41:14) and placed him \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 41:37-)

8) God blessed Joseph with two sons which he gave meaningful names. What were their names and the meaning of them? (Genesis 41:46-52)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

9) Although Joseph was hated, sold, falsely accused, placed in prison, God had a plan and purpose for his life. What was it and how was it a blessing to others? (Gen. Chapter 45:)

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10) How did Joseph demonstrate toward his brothers what Jesus' death has done for you? (Genesis 50:15-21) \_\_\_\_\_

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a) Do you believe that Jesus has forgiven you? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain why or why not and give a Scripture verse to support your belief?

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Scripture verse: \_\_\_\_\_ (do not write the scripture, give verse only)

Are there any questions or struggles that you have that you would like to share with us to pray for you? Whatever is shared with us will be kept in strict confidence.

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There is much to learn from Joseph's story:

We have a clear picture of God's faithfulness. He does not forsake His children, even in the midst of suffering: "the Lord was with Joseph" (Genesis 39:3, 5, 21, 23).

There may be many distressing circumstances we find ourselves in, and some of them may even be unjust, as were those in Joseph's life. However, as we learn from the account of Joseph's life, by remaining faithful and accepting that God is ultimately in charge, we can be confident that God will reward our faithfulness in the fullness of time.

Perhaps most profoundly, Joseph's story presents amazing insight into how God sovereignly works to overcome evil and bring about His plan. After all his ordeals, Joseph is able to see God's hand at work.

As he reveals his identity to his brothers, Joseph speaks of their sin this way: "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. It was not you who sent me here, but God" (Genesis 45:5, 7-8). Later, Joseph again reassures his brothers, offering forgiveness and saying, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good" (Genesis 50:20). Man's most wicked intentions can never thwart the perfect plan of God.

Joseph gives us a good example of how to handle sexual temptation—run (Genesis 39:12; cf. 2 Timothy 2:22), To be faithful to God means to resist all kinds of temptations to lie, cheat, steal, gossip, or do anything that is displeasing to God.

## FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

- Deuteronomy 7:9
- Deuteronomy 9:5
- 1 Kings 8:56
- Psalms 36:5
- Psalms 89:1
- Psalms 105:8
- 1 Corinthians 1:9
- Hebrews 6:18
- 1 Peter 4:19

## FAITHFULNESS OF CHRIST

- 1 Thessalonians 5:24
- 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- 2 Timothy 2:13
- Hebrews 2:17
- Hebrews 10:23
- Revelation 1:5

## EXAMPLES OF FAITHFULNESS TO GOD:

(Read a few verses in each chapter before and after the verses listed, get the full meaning)

- Numbers 12:7
- Numbers 14:24
- 1 Kings 19:18
- Nehemiah 7:2
- 1 Corinthians 4:17
- Colossians 1:7
- Colossians 4:9

## REWARDS OF FAITHFULNESS TO GOD

- Matthew 24:45
- Luke 19:17
- Revelation 2:10

## WARNINGS AGAINST UNFAITHFULNESS TO GOD

- 1 Timothy 1:19
- 1 Timothy 4:1
- 2 Timothy 4:4
- Hebrews 3:12
- 2 Peter 3:17