

1. Joseph, the hated brother

- a) What were some reasons why Joseph's older brothers hated him? Genesis 37:2-4
- b) What behavior by Joseph increased his brothers' hatred? Genesis 37:5
- c) Genesis 37:6-11 Why did Joseph share the content of his dreams with his brothers and father?
- d) How did Joseph's older brothers decide to express their hatred? Genesis 37:12-27
- e) What lessons can we learn from their failure?
- f) Where do you see the LORD at work even in this bad situation? Genesis 37:28, 36 (Romans 8:28)

2. Joseph, a slave in Egypt

- a) How did the LORD bless Joseph after he arrived as a slave in Egypt? Genesis 39:1-6a
- b) What great challenge did Joseph face while seeking to honor the LORD and faithfully serve his master Potiphar? Genesis 39:6b-7,10
- c) What lesson can we learn from Joseph's response to his master's wife who was sexually harassing him? Genesis 39:8-9, 11-12
- d) What can we learn from Potiphar's reactions to his wife's false accusations? Genesis 39:16-20
- e) Why didn't the LORD intervene when Joseph was falsely accused and cast into prison?

3. Joseph, the falsely accused prisoner

- a) How did the LORD honor Joseph even during his time of imprisonment? Genesis 39:21-23
- b) What spiritual gift did the LORD give to Joseph during his time as a prisoner? Genesis 40:7-8
- c) What request did Joseph make to the chief butler and what was the outcome? Genesis 40:14-15,23
- d) Share a time when deliverance didn't come as soon as you had hoped. How did this delay impact you?

4. Joseph, interpreter of Pharaoh's dreams

- a) How did the LORD bring about Joseph's deliverance from bondage in Egypt? Genesis 41:1-8
- b) Why did Pharaoh call for a Hebrew prisoner to interpret his dream? Genesis 41:9-14
- c) What can we learn about Joseph from his response to Pharaoh's request? Genesis 41:15-16, 25, 28
- d) What surprises you about Joseph's counsel to the Pharaoh? Genesis 41:33-36
- e) What motivated the Pharaoh to make such a bold administrative decision, appointing Joseph to a position of senior leadership in Egypt? Genesis 41:37-41
- f) What lessons can we learn from Joseph's journey?