

FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE

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JOSEPH

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Gen. 50:20 Joseph said to his brothers -- you thought evil  
against me -- but God meant it unto good  
-- to bring to pass the saving of many  
people

Gen. 37:2 17-year old Joseph was feeding the flock with  
his brothers

3 Israel loved Joseph more than all his children,  
because he was the son of his old age --  
Israel gave Joseph a coat of many colors

4 the brothers hated Joseph

5-7 when Joseph told his brothers about a dream,  
they hated him more

8 his brothers said -- shall you reign over us?  
-- shall you have dominion over us? --  
they hated him the more for his dreams  
and for his words

9 Joseph dreamed a second dream

10-11 Israel rebuked Joseph

12-14 the brothers went to feed their father's flock  
in Shechem -- Jacob sent Joseph unto them

15-17 the brothers had moved to Dothan

18-20 the brothers plotted to kill Joseph

21-22 Reuben proposed that they throw Joseph into a  
pit (an old well) instead of killing him  
-- Reuben planned to later rescue Joseph  
and take him back to his father

23-24 the brothers took Joseph's coat and threw him  
into the pit

25-27 Judah convinced the brothers to sell Joseph to  
Ishameelites who were selling items on  
their way to Egypt

28 they sold him for 20 pieces of silver

29-30 Reuben returned to rescue Joseph and saw that  
Joseph was gone

31-32 the brothers dipped the coat in goat's blood  
and took it to Jacob

33-35 Jacob mourned for Joseph

36 the Midianites sold Joseph unto Potiphar, an  
officer of Pharaoh

Joseph ended up in prison -- Gen. 39:2-20

God was with Joseph in prison -- Gen. 39:21 to Gen. 40:23

Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams -- Gen. 41:1-36

Pharaoh put Joseph over the land of Egypt -- Gen. 41:37-57

Joseph's 10 brothers unknowingly went to Joseph -- Gen. 42:1-5

Gen. 42:6 they bowed down before Joseph -- (as foretold in the dream -- Gen. 37:7-10) -- (bowed down again later in Gen. 42:26,28, Gen. 44:13-14 and Gen. 50:18)

8 Joseph knew his brothers, but they did not know him

21-22 the brothers said -- we are facing bad things because of the way we treated Joseph

23 they did not know that Joseph understood what they were saying

Joseph identified himself to his brothers -- Gen. 45:1-8

Joseph sent for his father -- Gen. 45:9-28

Joseph's family came to Egypt -- Gen. 46:29 to Gen. 47:10

Joseph's family prospered in Goshen -- Gen. 47:11-27

Jacob blessed Joseph's 2 sons -- Gen. 48:1-20

Jacob blessed his sons -- Gen. 49:1-28

Jacob's last charge and death -- Gen. 49:29-33 to Gen. 50:14

Gen. 50:15-17 after Jacob died, the brothers wondered if Joseph would then have revenge upon them

18 they bowed down unto Joseph

19-21 Joseph eased their concern

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#### THE CHRIST

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Recognize negative -- Dwell on positive

John 12:27 Christ acknowledged His sorrow -- He focused on His purpose

Mark 14:34 Christ acknowledged His sorrow -- He delivered heartfelt prayer about His purpose

Heb. 5:7-8 Christ expressed His emotions to His Father

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#### PAUL

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Recognize negative -- Dwell on positive

2 Tim. 4:14-15 one negative factor -- Alexander

16 another negative factor -- all forsook

17 positive factor -- the Lord strengthened him

1 Cor. 11:19 schisms -- recognize positive manifestations

2 Cor. 1:8-9 Paul acknowledged the severity of the trial -- he focused upon the deliverance

2 Tim. 1:16-18 Onesiphorus -- refreshed Paul, when he was in chains