

THE COMEBACK

EVERYONE NEEDS A SECOND CHANCE



Betrayal and Suffering

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Joseph and his family

- (Gen 37:3) Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colours.
- (Gen 37:4) But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.



Joseph and his family

- (Gen 37:6) He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed:....."



The Pit

- (Gen 37:18) They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him.



They Sell their brother for money

- (Gen 37:25) Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelite's coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.



They Sell their brother for money

- (Gen 37:32) And they sent the robe of many colours and brought it to their father and said, *"This we have found; please identify whether it is your son's robe or not."*



Sold a second time

- (Gen 37:36) Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.



Joseph in Potiphar's house

- (Gen 39:2) The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master.
- (Gen 39:3) His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands.



Joseph in Potiphar's house

- (Gen 39:4) So Joseph found favour in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had.



In times of Suffering

1) Know that God is with you



Joseph and Potiphar's wife

- (Gen 39:7) And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me."
- (Gen 39:8) But he refused ...



In times of Suffering

- 1) Know that God is with you
- 2) Remain intimate with God



Joseph send to prison

- (Gen 39:20) And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison.



Joseph send to prison

- (Gen 39:21) But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.



Joseph send to prison

- (Gen 40:14) Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house.
- (Gen 40:23) Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.



Pharaoh calls Joseph from prison

- (Gen 41:14) Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh.



Pharaoh calls Joseph from prison

- (Gen 41:38) And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?"



In times of Suffering

- 1) Know that God is with you
- 2) Remain intimate with God
- 3) Remain faithful in “unfaithful circumstances”



Joseph meets his brothers

- (Gen 43:30) Then Joseph hurried out, for his compassion grew warm for his brother, and he sought a place to weep. And he entered his chamber and wept there.



Joseph meets his brothers

- (Gen 45:2) And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.
- (Gen 45:3) And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.



In times of Suffering

- 1) Know that God is with you
- 2) Remain intimate with God
- 3) Remain faithful in “unfaithful circumstances”
- 4) Be vulnerable, be human



Joseph models the heart of God

- (Gen 45:7) And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.
- (Gen 45:8) So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.



In times of Suffering

- 1) Know that God is with you
- 2) Remain intimate with God
- 3) Remain faithful in “unfaithful circumstances”
- 4) Be vulnerable, be human
- 5) Remember you are in God’s story



Joseph makes a great Comeback

- (Gen 50:18) His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."

(Gen 50:19) But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?"



Joseph makes a great Comeback

- (Gen 50:21) So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.



When you make your Comeback

Be kind to those who hurt you



- (1Jn 1:9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

