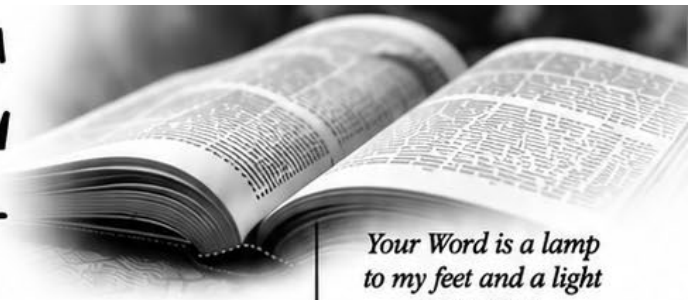
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Part 2 of Joseph's Life: The Second in Command–Providence, Testing, and Forgiveness

Theme: God redeems what was meant for evil to bring about good, salvation and reconciliation.

1 FROM THE DUNGEON TO THE PALACE

Genesis 41:1-7; 14-15; 25-32; 33-36; 38-44

- Through interpreting King Pharaoh's dreams about seven years of abundance and 7 years of severe famine, Joseph is elevated by Pharaoh at the age of 30 to second-in-command over all of Egypt.
- By effectively using his gift of stewardship, Joseph moves from managing Potiphar's household, Pharaoh's prison to preparing a global superpower for physical and economic crisis. Joseph shows us what it looks like to remain dependent on God even after you finally succeed.

Key Truth: *Waiting seasons are not wasted seasons; God uses them to build the capacity required for the calling He has placed on your life.*

2 TESTING HIS BROTHERS

Genesis 42:1-8; 14-17; 18-21

- When famine strikes the land, it forces Joseph's brothers to travel to Egypt for grain; but they don't even recognize who he is.
- Instead of taking immediate revenge or rushing to hug them, Joseph decides to put them through deliberate tests to see if their hearts had changed, especially regarding Benjamin and Jacob.

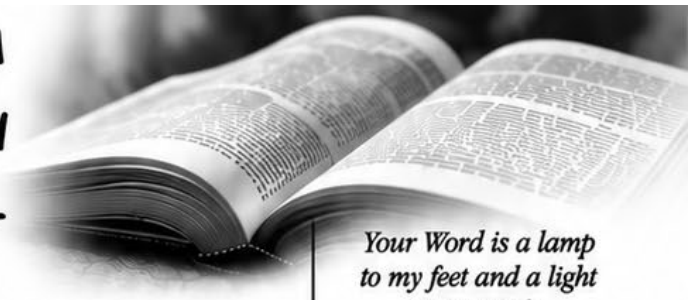
Key Truth: *True forgiveness desires the transformation and restoration of the offender, not just an emotional outburst.*



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3 YOU INTENDED TO HARM ME, BUT GOD INTENDED IT FOR GOOD

Genesis 45:1-15; 50:15-21

- At this time, Joseph was overcome with emotion, and cries out, "I am your brother, Joseph!" and immediately reframes their horrific betrayal through the lens of God's sovereign rescue plan for His people.
- Years later, after their father Jacob dies, the brothers fear that Joseph will finally strike back at them for all they did to him. They felt Joseph didn't retaliate because their father served as their protective shield. Joseph then reassures his brothers with unconditional and radical grace!

Key Truth: *Forgiveness means surrendering the right to play God over someone else's past discretions.*

Meditative Questions from Part 2:

1. How did 13 years of slavery and imprisonment shape Joseph into a leader who could handle power without destroying himself or others?

2. What evidence do we see in Joseph's brother Judah that indicated that the brothers had repented for their wrongdoing against him?

3. How does Joseph's life act as a foreshadowing of Jesus Christ?

