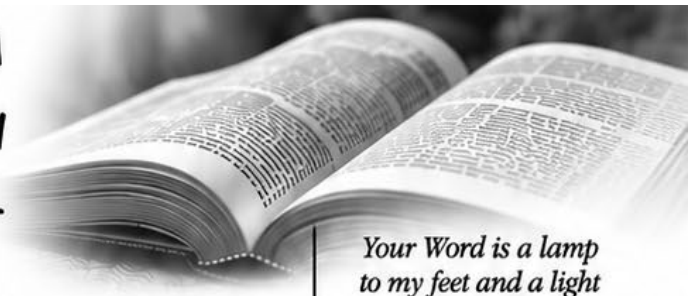
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Part 1 of Joseph's Life: From Favoritism to the Frying Pan

Theme: God's presence and sovereignty remain constant, even when our circumstances spiral out of control.

1 THE DANGERS OF FAMILY DYSFUNCTION AND ARROGANCE

Genesis 37:1-11

- Joseph grows up in a fractured home environment where his father, Jacob, openly favors him by giving him privilege and a richly ornamented coat of many colors.
- At the age of 17, Joseph lacks emotional and spiritual maturity when God reveals His promise to him. He then begins to report his brother's bad behavior and disobedience to his father, which angered his brothers greatly and turned their wrath on him. Then, he unwisely reveals God's prophetic dreams to his family, where they bow down to him, including his father, Jacob.

Key Truth: *God's divine and anointed calling does not excuse human insensitivity. Joseph received a God-given vision, but lacked the wisdom to steward (manage) it.*

2 BETRAYAL AND THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL

Genesis 37:12-17; 23-28; 31-35

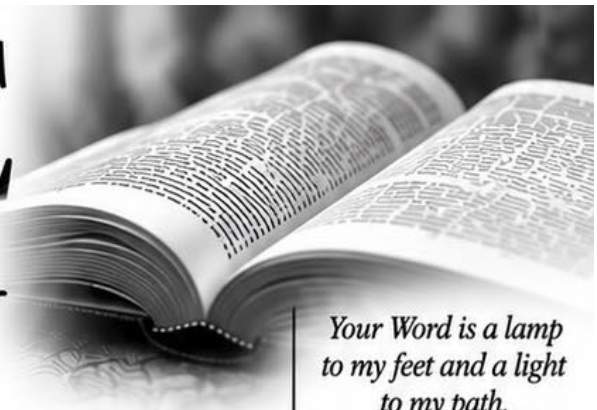
- Consumed by hatred, the brothers strip Joseph of his coat, throw him into an empty pit and then sell their brother into slavery to Ishmaelite traders for 20 shekels of silver.
- The brothers then concoct a plan to dip Joseph's robe in goat's blood in order to trick Jacob into believing he was dead, plunging Jacob into severely deep depression and grief.

Key Truth: *Suffering is rarely fair, and being in the center of God's will does not exempt us from sever hardships or human malice.*



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3 DILIGENCE AND INTEGRITY IN POTIPHAR'S HOUSE AND PRISON

Genesis 39:1-6; 7-16; 19-21

- Sold to Potiphar in Egypt, Joseph rises to the head of the household in a very short time through his sheer diligence and the blessings of God.
- Potiphar's wife attempts to seduce him and when Joseph refuses, she becomes enraged and frames Joseph. Potiphar then commands Joseph to be thrown into prison.

Key Truth: *True character is always tested in private and under pressure, not in comfort.*

? So how did Joseph survive all this pain, suffering and betrayal?

- **He recognized** that he belonged to God.
- **He recognized** sin's effect on others.
- **He recognized** sin as defiance against God.

