

## First Words

1. Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_ - **Genesis 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 colors.*

a. Joseph was despised because of his earthly father's favor – **Genesis 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.*

b. Joseph was despised because of his heavenly Father's favor - **Genesis 37:10-11** - *But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?"<sup>11</sup> And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.*

2. Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_ – **Genesis 37:12** - *Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.*

a. Joseph was misused as a spy on his brothers - **Genesis 37:13–14** - *And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am."<sup>14</sup> So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word." So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.*

b. Joseph was misused as a protector of his brothers - **Genesis 34:30–31** - *Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me by making me stink to the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and the Perizzites. My numbers are few, and if they gather themselves against me and attack me, I shall be destroyed, both I and my household."<sup>31</sup> But they said, "Should he treat our sister like a prostitute?"*

3. Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_ - **Genesis 37:19–20** - *They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer."<sup>20</sup> Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams."*

a. Joseph is humiliated by his brothers - **Genesis 37:23-24** - *So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore.<sup>24</sup> And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.*

b. Joseph was sold by his brothers - **Genesis 37:26–27** - *Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?<sup>27</sup> Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother; our own flesh." And his brothers listened to him.*

4. Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_ - **Genesis 39:16–17** - *Then she laid up his garment by her until his master came home,<sup>17</sup> and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me.*

a. In spite of fighting temptation - **Genesis 39:7–9** - *And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me."<sup>8</sup> But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge.<sup>9</sup> He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"*

b. In spite of fleeing temptation - **Genesis 39:10–12** - *And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.<sup>11</sup> But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house,<sup>12</sup> she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.*

5. Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_ – **Genesis 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.*

a. From obscurity of prison - **Genesis 39:21** - *But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.*

b. From permanence in prison - **Genesis 41:41-43** - *And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." 42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. 43 And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, "Bow the knee!" Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt.*

6. Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_ - **Genesis 45:5** - *And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.*

a. Through the repentance of his brothers - **Genesis 44:16** - *And Judah said, "What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; behold, we are my lord's servants, both we and he also in whose hand the cup has been found."*

b. Through the reunion with his brothers - **Genesis 45:3-4** - *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. 4 So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.*

7. Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_ - **Genesis 50:19-20** - *But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.*

a. Joseph situation was meant for evil by his adversaries – *"As for you, you meant evil against me..."*

b. Joseph's situation was used for good by his Advocate – *"...but God meant it for good..."*

The Comeback

The \_\_\_\_\_ of God

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Joseph

The \_\_\_\_\_ of wrongs and wrongdoers

