



Journey of Joseph:

TRUSTING GOD IN THE DETAILS OF LIFE

FAMILY MATTERS

GENESIS 37



1. _____ we can learn from Joseph
and apply to ourselves

1 CORINTHIANS 10:6, 11

⁶Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. ¹¹Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

ROMANS 15:4

⁴For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

2. The _____ of God

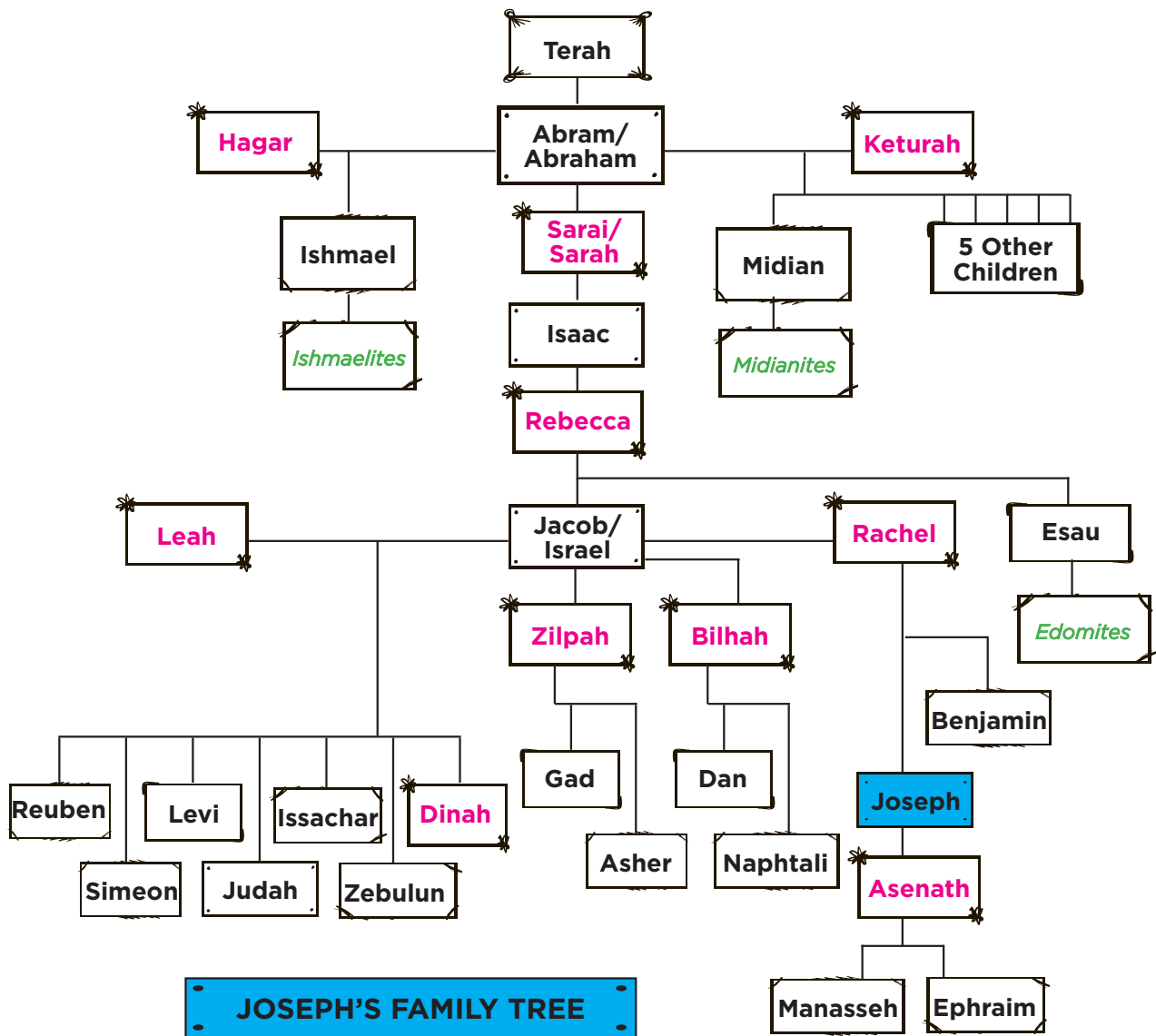
3. The _____ of Christ

Meaning: When we say that someone is a type of Christ, we are saying that a person in the Old Testament behaves in a way that corresponds to Jesus' character or actions in the New Testament.



Introduction: _____

1. Family _____





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A. _____ Background

- Isaac and Rebekah
- Esau
- Competition
- Rachel
- Leah
- Rachel
- Dinah
- Reuben

There is _____.



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Lesson: God wants to use us.

1 JOHN 1:9

⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

B. _____ Background

- He was born in Padan Aram—the 11th of 12 sons and 1 sister
- Born in Jacob's old age
- When he was 6 years old; travels to Canaan with family
- Rachel dies
- Rebekah's nurse, Deborah, dies
- Isaac, his grandfather dies

2. Jacob's _____

GENESIS 37:1-3

¹And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. ²These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

A. _____ in the land



Lesson: We are strangers in the land.



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1 PETER 2:11

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

B. They were _____

**TYPE OF CHRIST: Joseph was a shepherd
Jesus is the Great Shepherd (John 10)**

C. Joseph brought an _____ report

**TYPE OF CHRIST: Joseph was opposed to and exposed
evil (Genesis 37:2); Jesus did the same.**

D. Jacob _____ Joseph

**TYPE OF CHRIST: Joseph was loved by the his father
(Genesis 37:3-4); Jesus was beloved by the Father.
(Matthew 3:17; 17:5; John 10:17; Philippians 2:9)**



Lesson: Don't play favorites.

JAMES 2:1

1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.



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GALATIANS 3:26-28

²⁶ For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

QUOTE: “If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Face it, friend. He is crazy about you!”—Max Lucado

3. Joseph was _____

GENESIS 37:4-10

⁴ And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. ⁵ And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. ⁶ And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: ⁷ For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. ⁸ And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. ⁹ And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. ¹⁰ And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

A. His _____

B. His _____



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Lesson: God doesn't hide His will from us.



Lesson: Don't reject God's Word.



Lesson: The world hates Christians today.

TYPE OF CHRIST:

- **Joseph was hated for his words (Genesis 37:8); Jesus was hated for His words of truth. (John 7:7; 3:32)**
- **Joseph was promised a remarkable future (Genesis 37:7-12); Jesus looked past the cross to the joy set before Him (Isaiah 9:6,7; Luke 1:31-33; Hebrews 12:2).**
- **Joseph foretold of his future sovereignty (Genesis 37:7-12); Jesus did the same. (Matthew 26:64)**



4. Joseph Brothers

Meaning: Jealousy is a fear of being displaced by a rival in affection or favor.

GENESIS 37:11

¹¹ And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

ROMANS 1:29-32

²⁹ Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, ³⁰ Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: ³² Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

GALATIANS 5:19-21

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

JAMES 3:14-16

¹⁴ But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. ¹⁵ This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

PROVERBS 27:4

⁴ Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?

PROVERBS 14:30

³⁰ A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.



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Lesson: Jealousy is not a respecter of persons.

1. Deal with our _____ toward God.

2. Demonstrate _____

3. Keep your eyes _____ on God.

TYPE OF CHRIST: Joseph was envied by his brothers
(Genesis 37:11); Jesus was envied by His. (Matthew 27:17-18)

5. Providential _____



Lesson: Deal with difficult situations correctly.



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Lesson: During difficult or trying times remember others.



Lesson: Don't be deceitful.



Lesson: Sometimes pain is for our good.

- We acknowledge the pain - but don't live in it
- We don't take revenge
- We surrender the justice into God's hands

QUOTE: "Don't look to the offender for healing, look to the Lord."



Lesson: We cannot always control our circumstances, but we can control how we respond to them.

TYPE OF CHRIST: Joseph was sent by his father to his brothers (Genesis 37:13); Jesus was sent to the 'lost sheep of Israel,' by His Father (John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38-40; 12:48-50; 17:21)



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TYPE OF CHRIST:

- **Joseph seeks out his brothers (Genesis 37:14-17); Jesus sought out His (Luke 19:10)**
- **Joseph seeks the welfare of his brothers (Genesis 37:14); Jesus came not to condemn but that the world might be saved through Him. (John 3:17)**
- **Joseph seeks his brothers until he finds them; Jesus seeks us until He finds us. And this at the initiative of the Father.**
- **Joseph was conspired against (Genesis 37:18); Jesus was also conspired against. (Matthew 12:14)**
- **Joseph's brothers did not believe his dreams (Genesis 37:19, 29); Jesus' brethren did not believe His words. (Matthew 27:39-43; John 3:18, 36)**
- **Joseph was stripped of his coat (Genesis 37:23); Jesus was stripped of His coat. (Matthew 27:27, 28; John 19:23)**
- **Joseph was cast into a pit (Genesis 37:24); Jesus was thrown into a grave.**
- **Joseph was taken out of the pit, alive in his body (Genesis 37:28); Jesus was bodily-resurrected from the tomb (pit).**
- **Joseph's brothers mingled hypocrisy with their hatred (Genesis 37:27); the Jews did the same with Jesus (Matthew 27:35, 36; John 18:28, 31)**



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TYPE OF CHRIST:

- **Joseph is sold for the price of a slave (Genesis 37:38); Jesus was sold for thirty pieces of silver (the price of a slave).**
- **Judah suggested the idea of selling his brother (Genesis 37:26-28); the Greek name for Judah is Judas (Matthew 1:2-3).**
- **Joseph's blood sprinkled coat (goat blood) is presented to his father (Genesis 37:31); Jesus is our scapegoat and His blood was presented to the Father as a sin offering. (Leviticus 16:8-10)**

Conclusion: _____

ROMANS 8:28

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:18

¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.



Questions to Ponder this Week

1. Is there an area of life where you are not trusting God completely?
2. Is it hard for you to believe that God is working behind the scenes for your good? Why?
3. Read Romans 8:28—Thank God that he does work all things for our good. Write down when you saw God do this in your life.

