Series: Major Bible Events <u>Title</u>: Lessons from Joseph <u>Text</u>: (Gen 37-50)

### I. Don't Quit in the Pit: (Gen 37)

Joseph was loved: (Gen 30:22-24)
 Joseph recognized his dreams were from God. (Gen 37:5-11)
 Joseph is Tested with Adversity from his Family: (Gen 37:12-28)

#### II. Don't Give in to Fleshly Temptation:

<u>Joseph is Tested with Temptation to Sin from the Lost World:</u> <u>The Allurement</u>: (Gen 39:7) <u>His Answer</u>: (Gen 39:8-9) God wants us to be pure. (Mat 5:8) (Heb 10:22)

#### **Physical Purity:**

You are created in God's Image: (1 Thes 4:1-5) Don't Mar the Image: (Lev 19:28,21:5)

## Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost: (I Cor 3:16-17)

<u>Don't defile it</u>: Tobacco, Alcohol, Drugs. <u>Use it for God's Glory</u>:

Emotional Purity: Real love is a choice, not a feeling.
Dating: (1 Thes 4:6-7) (Gen 2:21-24)
Sexual Purity: (Gen 1:28) (Heb 13:4) (1 Cor 7:9)
Mental Purity: Purity of the Mind, Thought Life.

## **How to Live Pure!**

- *1.* **<u><b>RUN**</u>: (2 Tim 2:22 Joseph-(Gen 39:6-7)
  - *a.* Working on him through temptations: (Gen 39:7-12) <u>Run to Jesus</u>: (Prov 6:27-29)(Prov 22:3)
- 2. Accept Responsibility: (Gen 39:8-9)
  - *a.* Recognize it as a Sin against God! (Col 3:5)(1 Cor 6:19-20)
  - b. This Lust will cost you ALL! (James 1:14-15) (Prov 5:8-11)

- c. <u>Read the Word</u> (Mark 4:19) Lust Chokes the Word!
- d. Memorize the Word: (Ps 119:9,11)
- e. Get your body under control: (1 Cor 9:27)
- f. Get active each day: Puting off an& Puting on! (Eph 4:22-24)
- 3. Be Accountable! (Prov 27:17)
  - *a.* Get an accountability partner! (1 Cor 7:4) (Prov 28:1)
    - *i.* How is your thought life? (Ezek 8:12)

### **<u>Purpose of Purity</u>:**

**Protects us Mentally:** (I Cor 1:15)

### **Protects us Emotionally:**

- A. Preserves Our Fellowship with God: (Ps 24:3-5)
  - *a.* It's a Command: (Lev 20:7) (1 Pet 1:15)
  - *b.* <u>Your body belongs to God</u>: (1 Cor 6:19-20)

B. <u>Preserves Our Relationships with Family</u>:(1 Cor 7:4) God hates Hidden Sin: (Num 32:23) <u>Protects us Physically</u>: (Prov 6:32) (Gal 6:7)

# **III.** <u>Don't Let Success Go to Your Head</u>: (Gen 41-50) God reveals Pharaoh's Dreams to Joseph: (Gen 41:16) Joseph is exalted to Prime Minister of Egypt: (Gen 41:38-40) Joseph's Dreams are realized: (Gen 42:6)

Joseph's life of Purity exalted him to be a Type of Jesus: I. Joseph The Beloved Son: Joseph was the Beloved Son: (Gen 37:1-3) Jesus was the Beloved Son: (Matt 3:17) This is my beloved son in who I am well pleased. (Matt 17:5) The is my beloved son, in whom I well pleased.

*Joseph had a Special Name* = Abundance *Jesus is a Special Name* = Jehovah Saves

Jospeh was hated by his brethren: (Gen 37:5-8)

Jesus was hated by his brethren: (Matt 26:64-68)

Joseph was Sent unto His Brethren: (Gen 37:12-13) Jesus was Sent unto His Brethren: (1 John 4:10)

Joseph was the Scorned Brother: (Gen 37:4) Jesus was the Scorned Brother: (John 1:11; 15:24) Joseph Suffered a Conspiracy to slay him: (Gen 37:18) Jesus Suffered a Conspiracy to slay him: (Matt 26:3-4)

Joseph The Suffering Servant Joseph Suffered Abuse: (Gen 37:23-24) Jesus Suffered Abuse: (Matt 27:26-28)

Joseph was Sold by Judah(OT name)(Gen 37:25-28) Jesus was Sold by Judas (NT name): (Matt 26:14)

Joseph: Exalted by Pharaoh to rule: (Gen 41:38-44) Jesus: Exalted & Crowned by the Father to Rule! (Rev 19:12) Jesus Exalted: (1 Pet 3:22) (Phil 2:9-11)

Joseph the Savior: Joseph is given the name SAVIOR! (Gen 41:45) Jospeh had the power of Life and Death! (Gen 41:44)

Jesus is the name SAVIOR! (Matt 1:21) Everyone was commanded to Bow the Knee to Joseph: (Gen 41:43) Everyone will Bow the Knee to Jesus: (Rom 14:11-12)

*Joseph is given a Gentile Bride:* (Gen 41:45) *Jesus is given a Gentile Bride:* (Eph 5:25-27) (Rev 19:6-9)

Joseph was the only hope for a dying people: (Gen 41:46-49) Jospeh had made provision (Gen 41:55-57) People looked to Joseph for saving. Jesus IS the Only hope for Lost, Dying People: (Acts 4:12) Joseph's provision was without number: (Gen 41:49) Jesus' provision for our Hungry, Dying Soul is without end. (Rom 10:11-13)

Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brethren: (Gen 45:1-3) Jesus Reveals Himself to His Brethren: (John 20:19-20)

Joseph Forgave & Restored His Brothers: (Gen 45:4-5) Jesus Forgives & Restores US:

Joseph Commissioned His Brethren: (Gen 45:4,9) Jesus Commissioned His Brethren: (Matt 28:18-20)

Jesus gave us the same Message as Joseph! "Tell them I am Not Dead, but Alive!" "I am at the Right hand of the Majesty on High" "I have made provision for you" "I want you to come and live with me for ever!" This is the GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOSPEH!

Joseph was a Champion for God because He lived by Faith!

Joseph was the Champion of Forgiveness: (Heb 11:22) Joseph Expected God to visit His people & Joseph wanted to Go with them when they left. (Gen 50:24-26)

Joseph Forgave the hurts of the past:

<u>Forgiving in the present</u> Hold nothing against any man. Let God repay.

Ask the Spirit to remind us of the pain we have intentionally caused our brethren and to ask them to forgive us that their joy and ours might overflow our spirit with God's forgiveness.

We can be a picture of Christ by Faith To