

**Rom 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.**

Joseph must have learned about God from his parents.

great grandfather Abraham - liar

grandfather Isaac- liar

grandmother Rebekah - deceiver

great uncle Laban - swindler

uncle Esau - not spiritually minded

father Jacob - deceiver and polygamist

mother Rachel - thief

Despite questionable heritage, Joseph loved God.

**Gen 37:1** Now Jacob lived in the land where his father had sojourned, in the land of Canaan.

Gen 37:2 These are *the records* of the generations of Jacob. Joseph, when seventeen years of age, was pasturing the flock with his brothers while he was *still* a youth, along with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought back a bad report about them to their father.

Gen 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a varicolored tunic.

Gen 37:4 And his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and so they hated him and could not speak to him on friendly terms.

Gen 37:5 Then Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more.

Gen 37:6 And he said to them, "Please listen to this dream which I have had;  
Gen 37:7 for behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf rose up and also stood erect; and behold, your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf."

Gen 37:8 Then his brothers said to him, "Are you actually going to reign over us? Or are you really going to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

Gen 37:9 Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, "Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

Gen 37:10 And he related *it* to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?"

Gen 37:11 And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying *in mind*.

Gen 37:12 Then his brothers went to pasture their father's flock in Shechem.

Gen 37:13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing *the flock* in Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them." And he said to him, "I will go."

Gen 37:14 Then he said to him, "Go now and see about the welfare of your brothers and the welfare of the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

Gen 37:15 And a man found him, and behold, he was wandering in the field; and the man asked him, "What are you looking for?"

Gen 37:16 And he said, "I am looking for my brothers; please tell me where they are pasturing *the flock*."

Gen 37:17 Then the man said, "They have moved from here; for I heard *them* say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

Gen 37:18 When they saw him from a distance and before he came close to them, they plotted against him to put him to death.

Gen 37:19 And they said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer!

Gen 37:20 "Now then, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and we will say, 'A wild beast devoured him.' Then let us see what will become of his dreams!"

Gen 37:21 But Reuben heard *this* and rescued him out of their hands and said, "Let us not take his life."

Gen 37:22 Reuben further said to them, "Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but do not lay hands on him"--that he might rescue him out of their hands, to restore him to his father.

Gen 37:23 So it came about, when Joseph reached his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the varicolored tunic that was on him;

Gen 37:24 and they took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty, without any water in it.

Gen 37:25 Then they sat down to eat a meal. And as they raised their eyes and looked, behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing aromatic gum and balm and myrrh, on their way to bring *them* down to Egypt.

Gen 37:26 And Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it for us to kill our brother and cover up his blood?"

Gen 37:27 "Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; for he is our brother, our *own* flesh." And his brothers listened *to him*.

Gen 37:28 Then some Midianite traders passed by, so they pulled *him* up and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty *shekels* of silver.

Thus they brought Joseph into Egypt.

Gen 37:29 Now Reuben returned to the pit, and behold, Joseph was not in the pit; so he tore his garments.

Gen 37:30 And he returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is not *there*; as for me, where am I to go?"

Gen 37:31 So they took Joseph's tunic, and slaughtered a male goat, and dipped the tunic in the blood;

Gen 37:32 and they sent the varicolored tunic and brought it to their father and said, "We found this; please examine *it* to see whether it is your son's tunic or not."

Gen 37:33 Then he examined it and said, "It is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him; Joseph has surely been torn to pieces!"

Gen 37:34 So Jacob tore his clothes, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

Gen 37:35 Then all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. And he said, "Surely I will go down to Sheol in mourning for my son." So his father wept for him.

Gen 37:36 Meanwhile, the Midianites sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, Pharaoh's officer, the captain of the bodyguard.

# Points to Ponder

Do you think you have family problems?

Mat 10:34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Mat 10:35 "For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW;

Mat 10:36 and A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.

Mat 10:37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Mat 10:38 "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

# Points to Ponder

Do you think you have family problems?

There is a time to keep your mouth shut!

Gal 4:16 Have I therefore become your enemy by telling you the truth?

Ecc 3:1 There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven--

Ecc 3:7 ...A time to be silent, and a time to speak.

# Points to Ponder

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Joseph was young, 17 years old.

1Ti 4:12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in speech, conduct, love, faith *and* purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

# Points to Ponder

Do you think you have family problems?

There is a time to keep your mouth shut!

Joseph was young, 17 years old.

Being sold into slavery by your own brothers is a bad thing!

**Gen 39:1** Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there.

**Gen 39:2** And the LORD was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.

**Gen 39:3** Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and *how* the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hand.

Gen 39:4 So Joseph found favor in his sight, and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge.

Gen 39:5 And it came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house, and over all that he owned, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus the LORD'S blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field.

Gen 39:6 So he left everything he owned in Joseph's charge; and with him *there* he did not concern himself with anything except the food which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.

Gen 39:7 And it came about after these events that his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."

Gen 39:8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, with me *here*, my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my charge.

Gen 39:9 "There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil, and sin against God?"

Gen 39:10 And it came about as she spoke to Joseph day after day, that he did not listen to her to lie beside her, *or* be with her.

Gen 39:11 Now it happened one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside.

Gen 39:12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside.

Gen 39:13 When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and had fled outside,

Gen 39:14 she called to the men of her household, and said to them, "See, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to make sport of us; he came in to me to lie with me, and I screamed.

Gen 39:15 "And it came about when he heard that I raised my voice and screamed, that he left his garment beside me and fled, and went outside."

Gen 39:16 So she left his garment beside her until his master came home.

Gen 39:17 Then she spoke to him with these words, "The Hebrew slave, whom you brought to us, came in to me to make sport of me;

Gen 39:18 and it happened as I raised my voice and screamed, that he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

Gen 39:19 Now it came about when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, "This is what your slave did to me," that his anger burned.

Gen 39:20 So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail.

Gen 39:21 But the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

Gen 39:22 And the chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible *for it*.

Gen 39:23 The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made to prosper.

# Points to Ponder

Women may be visually stimulated -  
not just men!

1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

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not just men!

Be careful about being alone with someone  
of the opposite sex.

In II Samuel chapter 13, Tamar is violated  
by her own half-brother, Amnon.

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Flee from sin!

1Co 6:18 Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

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Joseph was doing well - what happened?

**Gen 40:1** Then it came about after these things the cupbearer and the baker for the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt.

**Gen 40:2** And Pharaoh was furious with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker.

**Gen 40:3** So he put them in confinement in the house of the captain of the bodyguard, in the jail, the *same* place where Joseph was imprisoned.

Gen 40:4 And the captain of the bodyguard put Joseph in charge of them, and he took care of them; and they were in confinement for some time.

Gen 40:5 Then the cupbearer and the baker for the king of Egypt, who were confined in jail, both had a dream the same night, each man with his *own* dream *and* each dream with its *own* interpretation.

Gen 40:6 When Joseph came to them in the morning and observed them, behold, they were dejected.

Gen 40:7 And he asked Pharaoh's officials who were with him in confinement in his master's house, "Why are your faces so sad today?"

Gen 40:8 Then they said to him, "We have had a dream and there is no one to interpret it." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell *it* to me, please."

Gen 40:9 So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "In my dream, behold, *there was* a vine in front of me;

Gen 40:10 and on the vine *were* three branches. And as it was budding, its blossoms came out, *and* its clusters produced ripe grapes.

Gen 40:11 "Now Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; so I took the grapes and squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I put the cup into Pharaoh's hand."

Gen 40:12 Then Joseph said to him, "This is the interpretation of it: the three branches are three days;

Gen 40:13 within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office; and you will put Pharaoh's cup into his hand according to your former custom when you were his cupbearer.

Gen 40:14 "Only keep me in mind when it goes well with you, and please do me a kindness by mentioning me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house.

Gen 40:15 "For I was in fact kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing that they should have put me into the dungeon."

Gen 40:16 When the chief baker saw that he had interpreted favorably, he said to Joseph, "I also *saw* in my dream, and behold, *there were* three baskets of white bread on my head;

Gen 40:17 and in the top basket *there were* some of all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, and the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head."

Gen 40:18 Then Joseph answered and said, "This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days;

Gen 40:19 within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head from you and will hang you on a tree; and the birds will eat your flesh off you."

Gen 40:20 Thus it came about on the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants.

Gen 40:21 And he restored the chief cupbearer to his office, and he put the cup into Pharaoh's hand;

Gen 40:22 but he hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had interpreted to them.

Gen 40:23 Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.



**Gen 41:1** Now it happened at the end of two full years that Pharaoh had a dream...

**Gen 41:8** Now it came about in the morning that his spirit was troubled, so he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

**Gen 41:9** Then the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh, saying, "I would make mention today of my *own* offenses.

Gen 41:10 "Pharaoh was furious with his servants, and he put me in confinement in the house of the captain of the bodyguard, *both* me and the chief baker.

Gen 41:11 "And we had a dream on the same night, he and I; each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his *own* dream.

Gen 41:12 "Now a Hebrew youth *was* with us there, a servant of the captain of the bodyguard, and we related *them* to him, and he interpreted our dreams for us. To each one he interpreted according to his *own* dream.

Gen 41:13 "And it came about that just as he interpreted for us, so it happened; he restored me in my office, but he hanged him."

Gen 41:14 Then Pharaoh sent and called for Joseph, and they hurriedly brought him out of the dungeon; and when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came to Pharaoh.

Gen 41:15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, but no one can interpret it; and I have heard it said about you, that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

Gen 41:16 Joseph then answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer."

Gen 41:17 So Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, "In my dream, behold, I was standing on the bank of the Nile;

Gen 41:18 and behold, seven cows, fat and sleek came up out of the Nile; and they grazed in the marsh grass.

Gen 41:19 "And lo, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and gaunt, such as I had never seen for ugliness in all the land of Egypt;

Gen 41:20 and the lean and ugly cows ate up the first seven fat cows.

Gen 41:21 "Yet when they had devoured them, it could not be detected that they had devoured them; for they were just as ugly as before. Then I awoke.

Gen 41:22 "I saw also in my dream, and behold, seven ears, full and good, came up on a single stalk;

Gen 41:23 and lo, seven ears, withered, thin, *and* scorched by the east wind, sprouted up after them;

Gen 41:24 and the thin ears swallowed the seven good ears. Then I told it to the magicians, but there was no one who could explain it to me."

Gen 41:25 Now Joseph said to Pharaoh,  
"Pharaoh's dreams are one *and the same*;  
God has told to Pharaoh what He is about to  
do.

Gen 41:26 "The seven good cows are seven  
years; and the seven good ears are seven  
years; the dreams are one *and the same*.

Gen 41:27 "The seven lean and ugly cows  
that came up after them are seven years,  
and the seven thin ears scorched by the east  
wind will be seven years of famine.

Gen 41:28 "It is as I have spoken to Pharaoh: God has shown to Pharaoh what He is about to do.

Gen 41:29 "Behold, seven years of great abundance are coming in all the land of Egypt;

Gen 41:30 and after them seven years of famine will come, and all the abundance will be forgotten in the land of Egypt, and the famine will ravage the land.

Gen 41:31 "So the abundance will be unknown in the land because of that subsequent famine; for it *will be* very severe.

Gen 41:32 "Now as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, *it means* that the matter is determined by God, and God will quickly bring it about.

Gen 41:33 "Now let Pharaoh look for a man discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:34 "Let Pharaoh take action to appoint overseers in charge of the land, and let him exact a fifth *of the produce* of the land of Egypt in the seven years of abundance.

Gen 41:35 "Then let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and store up the grain for food in the cities under Pharaoh's authority, and let them guard *it*.

Gen 41:36 "Let the food become as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which will occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land will not perish during the famine."

Gen 41:37 Now the proposal seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his servants.

Gen 41:38 Then Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is a divine spirit?"

Gen 41:39 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you are.

Gen 41:40 "You shall be over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you."

Gen 41:41 Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."

Gen 41:42 Then Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put the gold necklace around his neck.

Gen 41:43 He had him ride in his second chariot; and they proclaimed before him, "Bow the knee!" And he set him over all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:44 Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "*Though* I am Pharaoh, yet without your permission no one shall raise his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."

Gen 41:45 Then Pharaoh named Joseph Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, as his wife. And Joseph went forth over the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:46 Now Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:47 During the seven years of plenty the land brought forth abundantly.

Gen 41:48 So he gathered all the food of *these* seven years which occurred in the land of Egypt and placed the food in the cities; he placed in every city the food from its own surrounding fields.

Gen 41:49 Thus Joseph stored up grain in great abundance like the sand of the sea, until he stopped measuring *it*, for it was beyond measure.

Gen 41:50 Now before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore to him.

Gen 41:51 Joseph named the firstborn Manasseh, "For," *he said*, "God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household."

Gen 41:52 He named the second Ephraim, "For," *he said*, "God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

Gen 41:53 When the seven years of plenty which had been in the land of Egypt came to an end,

Gen 41:54 and the seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph had said, then there was famine in all the lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

Gen 41:55 So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried out to Pharaoh for bread; and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, you shall do."

Gen 41:56 When the famine was *spread* over all the face of the earth, then Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians; and the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:57 *The people of* all the earth came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

# Genesis chapter 42

Joseph's brothers, except Benjamin, go to Egypt to buy corn. They do not recognize Joseph and bow down before him. He treats them harshly and calls them spies. They defend themselves and give an account of their family. Joseph holds Simeon hostage and sends the others on their way with food on the condition that they return with Benjamin.

# Genesis chapter 43

The famine continues. Jacob argues with his sons about Benjamin going to Egypt. After much debate, they all decide that Benjamin must go with his brothers to Egypt to buy corn. They come to Egypt and Joseph treats them well.

Note: It is apparent that the guilt of what they did to Joseph is coming back to haunt them.

# Genesis chapter 44

Joseph has his cup secretly put into Benjamin's sack, and sends them on their way. Joseph's steward pursues them, and charges them with having stolen his cup. They protest their innocence. The cup is found in Benjamin's sack. They are brought back and submit to Joseph. He determines that Benjamin shall remain in captivity. Judah pleads for Benjamin saying that Jacob would die from sorrow if Benjamin does not return with them.

**Gen 45:1** Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried, "Have everyone go out from me." So there was no man with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

**Gen 45:2** And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard *it*, and the household of Pharaoh heard *of it*.

**Gen 45:3** Then 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.

Gen 45:4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come closer to me." And they came closer. And he said, "I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

Gen 45:5 "And now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

Gen 45:6 "For the famine *has been* in the land these two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

Gen 45:7 "And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance.

Gen 45:8 "Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Gen 45:9 "Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

Gen 45:10 "And you shall live in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children and your flocks and your herds and all that you have.

Gen 45:11 "There I will also provide for you, for there are still five years of famine *to come*, lest you and your household and all that you have be impoverished."

Gen 45:12 "And behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin *see*, that it is my mouth which is speaking to you.

Gen 45:13 "Now you must tell my father of all my splendor in Egypt, and all that you have seen; and you must hurry and bring my father down here."

Gen 45:14 Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept; and Benjamin wept on his neck.

Gen 45:15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept on them, and afterward his brothers talked with him.

Gen 45:16 Now when the news was heard in Pharaoh's house that Joseph's brothers had come, it pleased Pharaoh and his servants.

Gen 45:17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and go to the land of Canaan,

Gen 45:18 and take your father and your households and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt and you shall eat the fat of the land.'

Gen 45:19 "Now you are ordered, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father and come.

Gen 45:20 'And do not concern yourselves with your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.'"

Gen 45:21 Then the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them wagons according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey.

Gen 45:22 To each of them he gave changes of garments, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces of silver* and five changes of garments.

Gen 45:23 And to his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and sustenance for his father on the journey.

Gen 45:24 So he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, "Do not quarrel on the journey."

Gen 45:25 Then they went up from Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob.

Gen 45:26 And they told him, saying, "Joseph is still alive, and indeed he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." But he was stunned, for he did not believe them.

Gen 45:27 When they told him all the words of Joseph that he had spoken to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived.

Gen 45:28 Then Israel said, "It is enough; my son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

<sup>7</sup>“...God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. <sup>8</sup>”Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.” (Gen 45)

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# Points to Ponder

Joseph 17 years old when this all began. In our society he would still have been in high school.

Columbine High School was the site of one of the deadliest massacres in modern United States history. It is the deadliest high school massacre in U.S. history. This massacre took place on April 20, 1999, when Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 12 students and one teacher, and wounded 23 others, before taking their own lives. The massacre made headlines around the world, making Columbine a household name, and causing a moral panic in American high schools.

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Attendance has been up among adults and teen youth groups at many churches near Columbine since the tragedy.

"There's a continuing impact on the spiritual receptivity, especially among youth," he said. "They're more receptive to the gospel, to the good news.'" - Jerry Long, a spokesman for Littleton United Methodist Church

# Points to Ponder

Joseph was sold into slavery and sent to prison.

God caused these bad things to work for Joseph's good.

What horrible things are happening in your life?

Mat 8:23 When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.

Mat 8:24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep.

Mat 8:25 And they came to *Him* and woke Him, saying, "Save *us*, Lord; we are perishing!"

Mat 8:26 He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm.

Mat 8:27 The men were amazed, and said, "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

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Jesus can calm the  
storms of our lives!

Heb 6:19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a *hope* both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,

Heb 6:20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Take hold of the anchor  
and let God work for  
good in your life!

**Rom 8:28** And we know that God  
causes all things to work together  
for good to those who love God, to  
those who are called according to  
*His* purpose.