

Faith Over Fear

“By Faith... Joseph”

Hebrews 11:22

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Introduction:

- In the hard times or “Refining Fires” of our life we have three choices:
 - Pout and pity ourselves.
 - Blame God and others.
 - Learn from your mistakes and grow.
 - **Hebrews 11:22**
 - **Genesis 41:41-44**
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1. Joseph was Disliked:

- a. **Genesis 37:8**
- b. **Genesis 37:19-20**
- c. Why did his brothers hate him so much?
 - i. They were jealous.
 - ii. He had dreams that showed him as ruler over them.
- d. **Genesis 37:10-11**
- e. **Genesis 28:10-15**
- f. Jacob would have also taught his children about Cain and Able.
- g. **Genesis 4:6-7**

2. Joseph was Falsely Accused:

- a. Being hated by your brothers in one thing, finding out there was a plot to kill you is another layer of heartbreak. But then to be sold by your family into slavery? I mean the hits just keep coming for Joseph.
- b. **Genesis 39:2-4**
- c. It seems that Joseph’s life has made a turn for the better.
- d. But there was a problem, Joseph was a well built and good-looking young man, and he caught Potiphar’s wife’s eye.
- e. **Genesis 39:8-10**
- f. **Proverbs 22:6**
- g. Joseph would have been raised to respect the Lord, and to love Him and to serve Him. There would be Honor, Integrity, Faithfulness.
- h. But the most important thing to Joseph ... Was to NOT sin against God.
- i. **Genesis 39:11-20**
- j. **Proverbs 3:5-6**
- k. **Isaiah 55:8**
- l. **Romans 8:28**

3. Joseph Chose Faith over Fear:

- a. **Genesis 45:4-8**
- b. **Genesis 50:18-21**
- c. **Matthew 28:18-20**

