**The Journey to Egypt**

**Key Verses**

Genesis 37:1-10

**Lesson Overview**

In this day of confusion, Christians must understand the truth of God's Word regarding the doctrine of salvation. It is vitally important to equip every saint with scriptural truths which can be used in witnessing to coworkers, friends, and relatives.

Through study, Christians can prepare to answer people's questions about God's saving grace, using the authority of the Bible. Salvation points to the core of God's love-the gift of His Son on the Cross. The truths in this lesson enable Christians to make a difference with their lives each day.

**Lesson Aim**

We want to impress upon the student the importance of faith, faithfulness, and forgiveness as key essentials to a successful journey.

**Lesson Goals**

At the conclusion of this lesson, students should:

* + Strive to grow in their faith to receive God's commandments.
  + Seek to grow in their faith to share God's Word with others.
  + Desire to be faithful to God through burdens and blessings.
  + Learn to forgive others, as Christ has forgiven us.
  + Acknowledge God's eternal purpose in our lives.

**Teaching Outline**

* + I. A Journey of Faith
    - A. Faith to receive God's revelation
    - B. Faith to recite God's revelation

* + II. A Journey of Faithfulness
    - A. When he was betrayed by his brethren
      * 1. They envied their brother.
      * 2. They persecuted their brother.

* + B. When he was sold by his brethren
    - C. When he was blessed in Egypt
    - D. When he was unjustly accused
      * 1. Potiphar's wife attempted to seduce Joseph.
      * 2. Joseph was faithful to God.
      * 3. He was imprisoned for his faith.
      * 4. God's mercy sustained him.
      * 5. The Lord was with him.

* + III. A Journey of Forgiveness
    - A. He forgave his brothers.
    - B. He showed the grace of God.
    - C. He showed the purpose of God.
    - D. He focused on the Lord.
      * 1. He saw a heavenly perspective.
      * 2. He met an earthly need.

**Study Questions**

1. Joseph had faith to accept God's Word in the form of a dream. Today, God's Word is given to us in the Bible. Is there a command or truth that you are struggling to receive? Take a moment and write a prayer to the Lord, sincerely communicating your desire to accept and receive His direction in your life.

2. Joseph exercised faith to share God's Word with others. On a scale from 1-10, rate your personal soul-winning efforts. Now, create a brief action plan that will help increase your faith and efforts toward sharing the Gospel with others.

3. Name two things Joseph's brothers did to him.

4. According to 1 Corinthians 4:2, what is the one thing God requires of His stewards?

5. How could a promotion (to second-in-command over Egypt) have tempted Joseph to waver in his faithfulness to the Lord?

6. How did Joseph show his forgiveness to his brothers?

7. According to Genesis 42:25, how did Joseph show grace to his brothers?

8. How did Joseph demonstrate his focus on the Lord?

**Memory Verse**

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:58**

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.*