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Joseph - PART 2

"Integrity for Production and Preservation"

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Joseph's integrity remained intact throughout seasons of adversity. His story is recorded at seventeen years old when he gave a bad report to his father about his brothers, Genesis 37:1-4. He was openly hated by his ten older brothers who sold him to the Ishmaelites, 37:28. They concocted an evil scheme to make Jacob believe he was devoured by a wild beast, 37:33. He was mourned by his father many days, 37:35. When the Ishmaelites went to Egypt, he was bought as a slave and served Potiphar, 39:1.

The scripture gave no indication of bitterness or complaints on the part of Joseph. He served so faithfully that everything he managed for Potiphar was productive, 39:1-6. The most important factor to his overwhelming success was that "The Lord was with Joseph," 39:2-3; 21, 23; Acts 7:9. He was dedicated and devoted to that reality.

His integrity before God and Potiphar resulted in being falsely accused of attempted rape and being thrown in prison. Through incarceration, the administration of the affairs of Pharaoh and restoration with his family, God used Joseph's integrity to be productive in preserving the lives of others.

I. **A FELLOW PRISONER, Genesis 40**

- A. Joseph found favor/grace in the eyes of the keeper of the prisoners because "the Lord was with him," and was allowed to prosper in all he did. He was the modern-day trustee of some of our current penitentiaries. His integrity, even as a convicted felon, caused him to have charge of "all the king's prisoners," Genesis 39:21-23. Integrity is _____ of circumstances.
- B. The God-given ability to interpret dreams that got him in trouble and placed in a pit in Canaan became useful in a prison in Egypt. Integrity is transferable. It insists on giving the _____ to God, 40:1-8.
- C. After hearing the dreams of the cupbearer and the baker his integrity moved him to give both the favorable and unfavorable interpretations, 40:9-20. Integrity impels the _____.
- D. The productivity of being in charge of the prisoners and being in the right position to interpret with faithfulness led to the preservation of the cupbearer's life, 40:21-23. Integrity has the _____ strangers.
- E. The deliverance provided through Joseph's interpretation did not result in his request being honored. "The chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, 40:14-15,

23. Integrity relies on God's timing absent of bitterness and complaining. Inherent in integrity, like all spiritual blessings, _____.
This too requires trust in the Lord.

II. THE NATION OF EGYPT, Genesis 41 and 47

- A. After being forgotten for two years by the cupbearer (but not by the Lord) Pharaoh had an alarming dream that required divine interpretation, Gen 41:1-8. He reviewed his past offense and remembered Joseph's news of his preservation, 9-13. Joseph was released from prison and revealed to Pharaoh what God planned, 14-32. He made a sound request based on his integrity that resulted in being promoted to C.O.O of Egypt Inc., at the age of thirty years old, 15-43. Integrity is never bound by _____.
- B. With the single focus to please God and Pharaoh Joseph developed a strategic plan that preserved the nation of Egypt and others including his family, 44-57. *Genesis 41:57 (NASB95) The people of all the earth came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the earth.* Integrity is a trademark _____ people can look up to when certain resources are lacking.
- C. Joseph's naming of his children reflected his appreciation to God for sustaining him in the adversities of His past, 50-52. Integrity _____ to glorify God for the trials and the triumphs.
- D. The intensity of famine required the people to use all their food and money. They had to sell all their livestock, all their land and voluntarily made themselves slaves to Pharaoh, 47:13-26. They viewed his provision of necessary resources as gracious actions that preserved their lives and their children. *Genesis 47:25 (NASB95) So they said, "You have saved our lives! Let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's slaves."* All the while God used the integrity He developed in "Being with Joseph" to _____ He made with Abraham, *Genesis 47:27 (NASB95) Now Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in Goshen, and they acquired property in it and were fruitful and became very numerous. Genesis 12:2 (NASB95) And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;*

III. THE FAMILY OF JACOB (ISRAEL)

- A. Between his age of thirty to forty-four when the seven years of famine existed, God arranged for Joseph to re-encounter his family, Genesis 42. It fulfilled the dream that made his ten older brothers hate him, Genesis 37:5-11. They went to Egypt to buy grain from him. He recognized them but disguised himself. He

administered a series of interrogations, accusations and tests with both austerity and mercy. Joseph's integrity was his guiding principle. His purposes were to know if his brothers were remorseful for what they had done to him and to reunite the family. Only then would his God given dreams be realized, 42-44. This required tact and emotional control, which he maintained until the maximum moment. *Genesis 45:1 (NASB95) 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.* Integrity is a _____ that controls human emotions.

- B. Upon full disclosure of himself, his brothers were fearful he would kill them. It was then that his uncompromising integrity came to its fullest disclosure. All the hatred, false accusations, moments of success, forgottenness, and his emotional highs and lows revealed God's sublime purpose for his life. *Genesis 45:4-5 (NASB95) 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. "Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.* Integrity has its own God ordained _____.

1. They were provided an abundance of grain and money in each return to Canaan, Gen. 42:25; 44:1;
2. They were given a myriad of material resources by Pharaoh to bring Jacob and his family to Egypt, 45:16-23.
3. The brothers' lives were spared so Jacob's heart was not broken again and his spirit was revived, 45:27, 28.
4. Jacob was reminded of the promise God had previously made. *Genesis 46:3-4 (NASB95) He said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you a great nation there. "I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will close your eyes."*
5. Pharaoh granted them approval to settle in Goshen, the best land to raise livestock and sheep in Egypt. *Genesis 47:6 (NASB95) "The land of Egypt is at your disposal; settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land, let them live in the land of Goshen; and if you know any capable men among them, then put them in charge of my livestock."*
6. Jacob blessed the sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh and thus was ensured a double heritage blessing compared to his brothers. *Genesis 48:22 (NASB95) "I give you one portion more than your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow."*

7. When Jacob blessed his sons, he highlighted Joseph's integrity. Blessings of the deep that lies beneath, Blessings of the breasts and of the womb. *Genesis 49:22–25 (NASB95)* "Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a spring; Its branches run over a wall. "The archers bitterly attacked him, And shot at him and harassed him; **But his bow remained firm, And his arms were agile, From the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob** (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel), From the God of your father who helps you, And by the Almighty who blesses you With blessings of heaven above,...
8. After Jacob's death, his brothers thought he might change his mind and kill them. Because "The Lord was with him" and his integrity was intact he reminded them of his uncompromising devotion and faithfulness to God. *Genesis 50:19–21 (NASB95)* But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place? "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. "So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.