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The Story of Joseph - From the Pit to the Palace

Joseph was 17 years old when his life changed forever (Genesis 37:2). Loved by his father Jacob but hated by his brothers, Joseph was thrown into a pit and sold into slavery (Genesis 37:23-28). Yet, even in betrayal, God was with him.

He was taken to Egypt and sold to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh (Genesis 39:1). There, Joseph served faithfully. "The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man" (Genesis 39:2). Potiphar trusted him with everything. But Joseph was falsely accused by Potiphar's wife and thrown into prison (Genesis 39:19-20).

Even in prison, God's favor remained. "But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy" (Genesis 39:21). He was put in charge of all the prisoners. In time, Joseph interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker (Genesis 40). But he was forgotten and remained in prison for two more years (Genesis 41:1).

At the age of 30, Joseph stood before Pharaoh and interpreted his dream, warning of seven years of abundance followed by seven years of famine (Genesis 41:46). Pharaoh declared, "You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word" (Genesis 41:40). Joseph became second in command over all Egypt.

From 17 to 30 - 13 years of slavery, prison, and testing. But Joseph remained faithful, and God turned every setback into a setup for his destiny.

What others meant for evil, God used for good (Genesis 50:20).

Joseph's story reminds us that God is at work even when we don't see it. From the pit to the palace, He is faithful.

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