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THE FAITHFULNESS

Heroes: Joseph

We have learned…

- If God can use Joseph's dysfunctional family - then God can use you and me.
- Our identity must be like Christ - not based on our feelings, how we treat others matters.
- My circumstances can not determine my faithfulness, and does not change God's love for me.
- God is our dream giver.
- Waiting doesn't mean you have done anything wrong.
- How to live and walk by faith.
- Storms / Seasons never last forever.
- Forgiveness brings freedom.
- Learn to celebrate moments.
- I may not be responsible for the hurt, I am responsible for my healing.

FAITHFULNESS REQUIRES

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Hebrews 11:21 It was by faith that Jacob, when he was old and dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons and bowed in worship as he leaned on his staff. **22** It was by faith that Joseph, when he was about to die, said confidently that the people of Israel would leave Egypt. He even commanded them to take his bones with them when they left. *(NLT)*

Genesis 50:24 "Soon I will die," Joseph told his brothers, "but God will surely come to help you and lead you out of this land of Egypt. He will bring you back to the land he solemnly promised to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." **25** Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath, and he said, "When God comes to help you and lead you back, you must take my bones with you." **26** So Joseph died at the age of 110. The Egyptians embalmed him, and his body was placed in a coffin in Egypt. *(NLT)*

Lesson #1

_____ _____ In Every Moment

_____ God

Luke 6:49 But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins." *(NLT)*

James 1:22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. **23** For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. **24** You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. *(NLT)*

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***"King Of The Jungle"* - Stephen Curtis Chapman**

And what I see - Is telling me this world's gone crazy
But what is real - Says God's still on His throne

What I need -Is to remember one thing
That the Lord of the gentle breeze is Lord of the rough and tumble - And He is the King of the jungle

Genesis 50:19 But Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? *(NLT)*

Lesson #2

_____ _____ In Every Moment

By Our _____

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- Reflect His character by being sexually pure (1 Corinthians 6:18–20)
- Giving of our income (Proverbs 3:9)
- Living lives devoted to Him (Romans 14:8)

Isaiah 29:13 And so the Lord says, "These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And their worship of me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote. *(NLT)*

By Our _____

- When we delight in the Lord (Psalm 37:4)
- Seek Him in everything we do (1 Chronicles 16:11; Isaiah 55:6)
- Make choices that reflect the place He has in our hearts, we bring Him the greatest honor.

Genesis 50:20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. *(NLT)*

Lesson #3

_____ _____ In Every Moment

God Is In _____

God Can Turn _____ **To** _____

John 16:33 I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." *(NLT)*

Genesis 50:20 He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. *(NLT)*

Lesson #4

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Look For _____

Look For _____

- Is God leading you in a different direction?
- Is God preparing you for the future?
- Is God helping you grow in your faith?

Genesis 50: 21 No, don't be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children." *(NLT)*

Lesson #5

_____ _____ In Every Moment

Invest In _____

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Matthew 6:33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. *(NLT)*

Genesis 50:21 So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them. *(NLT)*

Lesson #6

_____ _____ In Every Moment

When You Feel _____

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The 12 Tribes (Sons Of Jacob / Israel)

1) Reuben
2) Simeon
3) Levi
4) Judah
5) Dan
6) Naphtali
7) Gad
8) Asher
9) Issachar
10) Zebulun
11) Joseph
12) Benjamin
    - Jacob had adopted Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh.

Genesis 48:5 "Now I am claiming as my own sons these two boys of yours, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born here in the land of Egypt before I arrived. They will be my sons, just as Reuben and Simeon are." *(NLT)*

- Levi's descendants did not receive a territory for themselves (Joshua 13:14). Instead, they had priestly duties and took care of the tabernacle.
- In Numbers 1 when they count the men of the tribes, Levi's tribe is missing, Ephraim and Manasseh are listed.
- Josh 13:8 – 17:18 the land is divided among the tribes, the "Levites" become the priests and had several cities scattered throughout all of Israel.

Revelation 7:4 And I heard how many were marked with the seal of God—144,000 were sealed from all the tribes of Israel: **5** from Judah 12,000, from Reuben 12,000, from Gad 12,000, **6** from Asher 12,000, from Naphtali 12,000, from Manasseh 12,000, **7** from Simeon 12,000, from Levi 12,000, from Issachar 12,000, **8** from Zebulun 12,000, from Joseph 12,000, from Benjamin 12,000 *(NLT)*

- Instead of Ephraim it says Joseph, this occurs several times in the Bible
- Levi is listed.
- Dan is not listed.
- No explanation is given as to why.

Possible Explanations?

1. **Disqualification**

- Judges 18:1–31 tells the story of the people of Dan falling into gross idolatry. Also, the Danites did not like the territory allotted to them near the Mediterranean Sea—the Amorites and Philistines gave them trouble—so they sent out spies to find a better area.
- In the north, the Danites learned of an area inhabited by a peaceful group of people, whom the Danites proceeded to wipe out; they then moved the entire tribe up to that region, just south of present-day Lebanon. There they established their main city and called it Dan.
- Dan's historical embrace of idolatry and immorality leads to a disqualification for service during the end times.

2. **Destroyer**

- Is it possible that the Antichrist will come from the tribe of Dan (based on certain readings of Genesis 49:17; Deuteronomy 33:22; and Jeremiah 8:16)?

Genesis 49:17 Dan will be a snake beside the road, a poisonous viper along the path that bites the horse's hooves so its rider is thrown off. *(NLT)*

Jeremiah 8:16 "The snorting of the enemies' warhorses can be heard all the way from the land of Dan in the north! The neighing of their stallions makes the whole land tremble. They are coming to devour the land and everything in it—cities and people alike. *(NLT)*

3. **Decline**

- By the time of Solomon, the tribe of Dan had assimilated with the neighboring Phoenicians (as 2 Chronicles 2:14 may hint at) and so lost their national identity.
- The tribe of Dan, once the second-most populous tribe, declined in numbers and influence until, by Ezra's time, it had been totally wiped out. This would explain why Dan is not listed among the tribes in 1 Chronicles 4—7 or in Revelation 7.

Lesson #7

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1 Corinthians 11:23 For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread **24** and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." **25** In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." **26** For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again. **27** So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. **28** That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. **29** For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. *(NLT)*