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THANK GOD IT'S TODAY

² The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, ⁴ Joseph found favour in his eyes and became his attendant.

Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. ⁵ From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph.

The blessing of the Lord was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. ⁶ So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

²⁰ Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favour in the eyes of the prison warden.

²² So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³ The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

33 "And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt. 34 Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance.

35 They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food. ³⁶ This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine

that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine." 37 The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. 38 So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?"

³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you."

⁴¹ So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." 42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

⁴³ He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and people shouted before him, "Make way!" Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt.

The Joseph Mandate God is at work in and through our work to bring about His blessing into our world.

1) THE LORD HASSENT YOU

¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

JOHN 17:18

As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

JOHN 20:21-22

The Lord sent Joseph to Potiphar's house.

¹ Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.

We are where we are, doing what we are doing, for such a time as this.

The Lord sent Joseph to prison.

²⁰ Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

We have the choice to wallow in sorrow or to embrace God's reason for this season.

What if God has sent you to a hopeless place to bring hope?

The Lord sent Joseph to the palace.

¹⁴ So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon.

GENESIS 41:14

Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile.

Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.

JEREMIAH 29:7

The Seven Mind Molders of Society These were: education, media, government and politics, performing arts (including entertainment and sports), commerce (including science and technology), the home (or the family) and finally church.

- Loren Cunningham -

2) THE LORD IS WITH YOU

We learn that it is the Lord who gives success.

² The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did.

²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

MATTHEW 16:26

The Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

If we are not successful, may I suggest that maybe we are choosing to work by ourselves, even though God is with us.

We learn that it is the Lord who blesses others on our behalf.

The LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field.

The reality is that Potiphar was not really succeeding until Joseph appeared in his life and God started blessing Joseph.

We are carriers of God's presence. God enters the home when you enter the home. God enters your office when you enter your office. God enters your school when you enter your school.

We learn that it is the Lord who shows us kindness and grants us favour.

⁴ Joseph found favour in his eyes and became his attendant.

GENESIS 39:4

²¹ The Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favour in the eyes of the prison warden.

GENESIS 39:21

³ Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man.

PROVERBS 3:3-4

²⁶ And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favour with the Lord and with people.

1 **SAMUEL 2:26**

⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

LUKE 2:52

3) THE LORD WILL USE YOU

Potiphar put Joseph in charge.

⁶ So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

GENESIS 39:6

¹⁰ "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

LUKE 16:10

What work experience are you gaining now that God will use for future opportunities?

The Warden put Joseph in charge.

²² So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³ The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care.

GENESIS 39:22-23

God wants you to know that it is possible to flourish even though you might be frustrated or limited.

Joseph might have been an ordinary man, but he had an extraordinary God.

Pharaoh put Joseph in charge.

⁴⁰ You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you." 41 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt."

GENESIS 41:40-41

You just never know when God will turn things around.

In order to save the lives of many.

GENESIS 50:20b

God has placed us where we are not necessarily to save our company or school from disaster, but to lead people to salvation.

[People] intended to harm me, but God intended it for good.

GENESIS 50:20a

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