

# The Story

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## Week # 1 — Creation

God created man to have a personal relationship with Him.

Sin entered thru human choice and relationship was broken

## Week # 2 — God Built a Nation

### Abrahamic Covenant

I will make your name great

I will give you a land in which to dwell

I will bless all nations thru Israel

# THE STORY ~ PART 3

From Slave to  
Deputy Pharaoh

# Joseph



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Who are the following people:

- **Israel – (Strives for God)**
- **Original name – Jacob (Takes by the heel)**
- **Father of 12 sons**
- **Became the 12 Tribes**
- **Benjamin – (Son of my right hand or Son of my trouble)**
- **Joseph's younger brother**
- **Jacob & Rachel's 2<sup>nd</sup> son**
- **Loved by Jacob**

Who are the following people:

- **Judah – (praise)**
- 4<sup>th</sup> son of Leah
- Joseph's half brother
- Had a daughter Tamar → Lineage of Jesus
- **Leah –**
- Oldest daughter of Laban
- Jacob's 1<sup>st</sup> wife – trickery
- Jacob resented her
- Gave Jacob 7 children

Who are the following people:

- **Rachel** - (Comes with the sheep)
- Jacob's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife
- Jacob loved her
- Worked 14 years for
- Gave Jacob 2 sons
- **Reuben** – (See a son)
- Oldest son from Leah
- Kept brothers from killing Joseph
- “Cast him into the pit”
- Came back later to rescue – not there

Who are the following people:

- **Simeon** –
- **Leah's son**
- **Held ransom when bros sent to get Jacob**



# Joseph

**11<sup>th</sup> of 12 sons of Jacob**

**17 years old**

**Jacobs favorite**

**The Dreamer**





**Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colors.  
— Genesis 37:3 (KJV)**

2. What are the following:

- **Monogamy –**

- **One man – one wife**

- **Genesis 2. 23-24**

- **Matthew 19. 4**

- **Mark 10. 6**

- **Polygamy –**

- **One man – many wives**

- **Disobedience to God design for man / woman**

2. What are the following:

- **How do each of these impact our story of Joseph?**
- **What are the results of disobedience to God?**



3. On the following continuum [time line] what happened

- **a. 1898 -**
- **Joseph sold into slavery**
- **b. 1876 -**
- **Jacob moved to Egypt**
- **c. 1859 -**
- **Jacob dies**
- **d. 1805 -**
- **Joseph dies**

4. Trace Joseph's travels [where he was taken] as he went to Pharaoh's court.

- **Sent by father to find brothers – w/ flocks**
- **Thrown into well**
- **Sold to Midianites**
- **Midianites sold Joseph to Potiphar – Pharaoh's COG**
- **Lived in house of Egyptian master**
- **In charge of Potiphar's house**
- **Charged with rape of Potiphar's wife → Prison**
- **Warden placed him in charge of all prisoners**
- **2 dreams – baker and cup bearer**
- **Explained Pharaoh's dream → chary of Palace**
- **Pharaoh's next in command**

# ① JOSEPH - TIMELINE

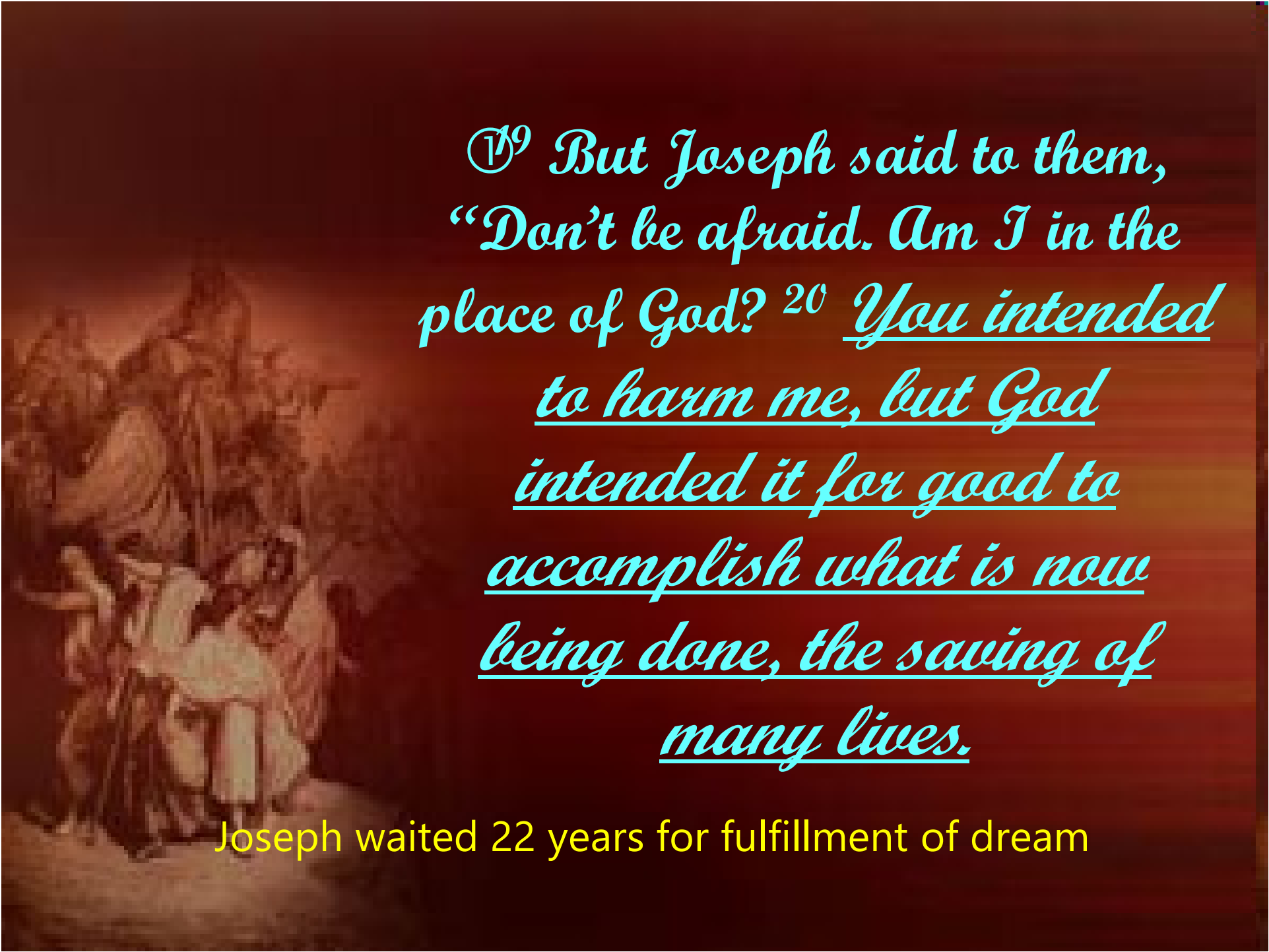
① 1915 - BIRTH

① 1898 - SOLD TO MIDIANITES ->  
THEN TO POTIPHAR

① 1885 - JOSEPH 2<sup>ND</sup> TO  
PHAROAH

① 1876 - BROTHERS COME FOR  
GRAIN & FAMILY REUNITED

① 1805 - JOSEPH DIED

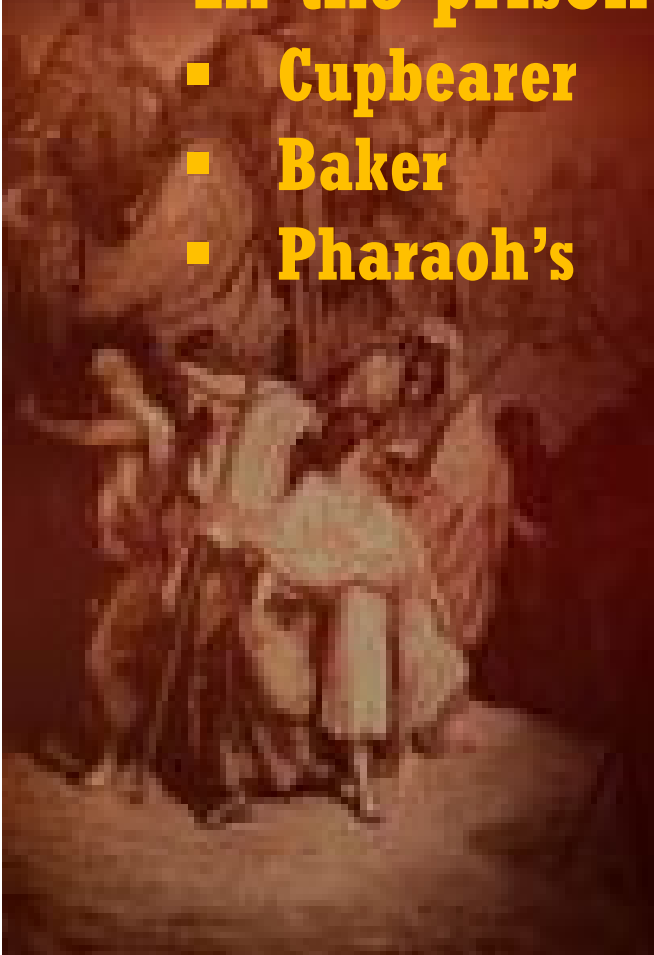


①<sup>9</sup> But Joseph said to them,  
“Don’t be afraid. Am I in the  
place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended  
to harm me, but God  
intended it for good to  
accomplish what is now  
being done, the saving of  
many lives.”

Joseph waited 22 years for fulfillment of dream

5. Why was Joseph called "The Dreamer"?

- **God blessed him with the ability to interpret dreams**
- **In the prison**
  - **Cupbearer**
  - **Baker**
  - **Pharaoh's**





6. How is the story of Joseph about 'reversals'?

- **Evil → became Good**
- **Genesis 45. 1-13**
- **Genesis 50. 15-21**



7. How does Romans 12. 19 help us with the story of Joseph?

- **“Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”**

8. Why might some people today see the story of Joseph as a dark time in his life?

- **Nothing was right**
- **Where was God?**



9. Why do other people see God at work in and thru Joseph's life?

- **Good finders**





*The Lower Story*

*Temptation*

*Betrayal*

*Injustice*

*Has God abandoned*

*Joseph?*

The background of the slide is a dark, moody image. On the left side, there is a group of people, possibly in a cave or a dark, enclosed space. They are wearing light-colored, heavy clothing, and the scene is dimly lit, creating a somber and mysterious atmosphere. The rest of the background is a dark, gradient-like color, possibly representing a sunset or a dark sky.

**① Personal Betrayal**

**① Cuts us to the core**



# *The Upper Story*

*Saving Gods people*

*Revealing Gods transforming power*

*THE MESSAGE THRU JOSEPH*

FIRST –

USE WHAT THE LORD  
HAS GIVEN US  
TO SERVE OTHERS



① Peter 4. 10

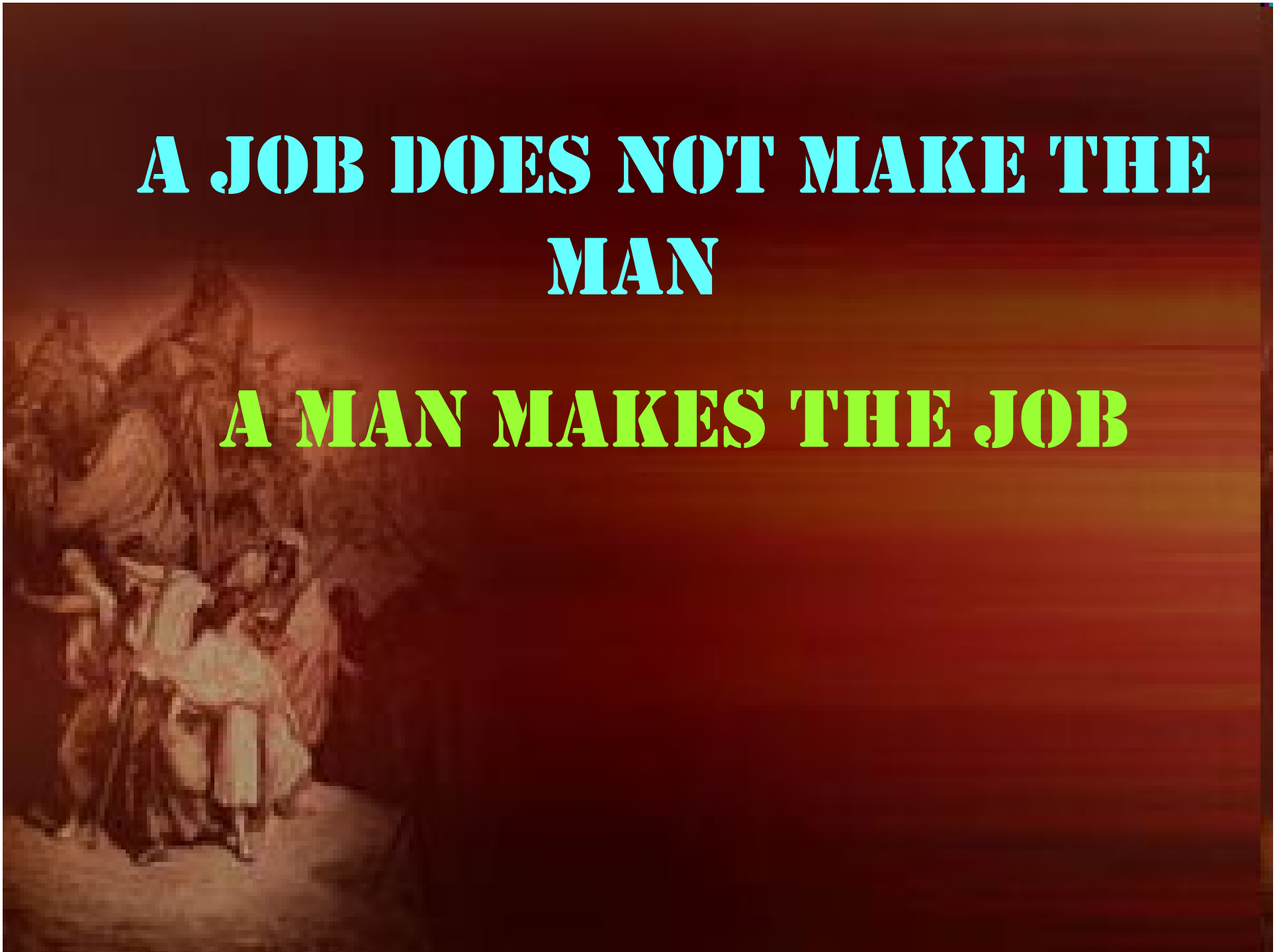
① *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

① Colossians 3. 22-25

① *Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,<sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.<sup>25</sup> Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.*

**A JOB DOES NOT MAKE THE  
MAN**

**A MAN MAKES THE JOB**



The background of the slide is a painting of a rugged, mountainous landscape. The scene is dominated by dark, craggy rock formations and steep, rocky slopes. A narrow, winding path or road is visible, leading up a hillside towards the right. The overall color palette is dark and earthy, with shades of brown, black, and grey, creating a somber and dramatic atmosphere. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the rocks and the path.

*THE MESSAGE THRU JOSEPH*

SECOND -

ON THE JOB

CHARACTER MEANS  
EVERYTHING!

Ⓟ Proverbs 11. 3

Ⓟ *The integrity of the upright guides them,  
but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.”*

Ⓟ Proverbs 11. 20

Ⓟ *The Lord detests those whose hearts are perverse,  
but he delights in those whose ways are blameless.”*

Ⓟ Psalm 86. 11

Ⓟ *Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your  
faithfulness; give me an undivided heart...”*

The background of the slide is a painting depicting a group of people in a rugged, mountainous landscape. The scene is rendered in a dark, earthy palette, with figures in the foreground appearing to be in a state of distress or contemplation. The overall mood is somber and reflective, consistent with the text's focus on disappointment.

*The Message thru Joseph*

Third —

**We must deal with  
disappointment**

ⓄGenesis 39. 1-3

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

HOW CAN IT BE?



# **BLINDSIDED & BUSHWACKED**

- *THROWN IN A WELL & LEFT FOR DEAD*
- *SOLD TO MIDIANITES – WHO JUST HAPPENED TO BE THERE*
- *PURCHASED THE SAME AS CATTLE OR SOME OBJECT*
- *ENDS UP BEING 2<sup>ND</sup> ONLY TO PHARAOH*

## **HOW CAN IT BE?**



**Joseph discovered the key to success**

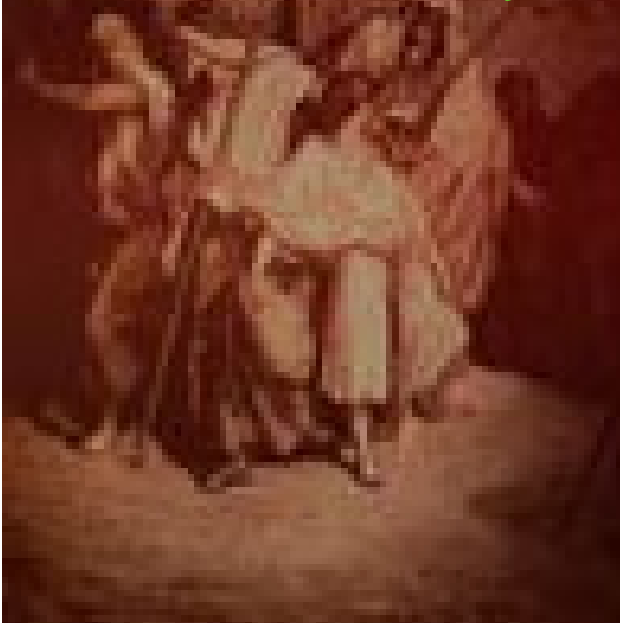
**God is Sovereign**

**He is in control**

**No matter what is happening**

## ① Jesus taught His disciples

①<sup>4</sup> *When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”* <sup>5</sup> *Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”*



Last Weeks lesson centered around 2 words

I Will



# Faith

