

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

Joseph - Footprints

Genesis 37 and selected passages

December 6, 2020

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>Genesis 37:1 Jacob lived in the land of his father’s sojournings, in the land of Canaan. [2] These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. [3] Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. [4] But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.</p>	<p><i>When was God most present in the life of Joseph?</i></p> <p>I. The Palace?</p> <p>II. The Prison?</p> <p>III. The Pit?</p>
<p>Genesis 37:18 They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. [19] They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. [20] Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams.” [21] But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” [22] And Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. [23] So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. [24] And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. [25] Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. [26] Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? [27] Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers listened to him. [28] Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.</p>	<p>Memory verse for 2020-</p> <p>Matthew 7:24–25</p> <p>[24] “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.</p> <p>[25] And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.</p>

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1. Take a moment to see how many people have a copy of the poem "Footprints" anywhere in their house. 😊 Is it fair to say the poem expresses what many people think about the presence of God?

2. What are "palace" experiences like in your life? How is God present?

3. What are "prison" experiences like in your life? How is God present?

4. What are "pit" experiences like in your life? What was the ultimate "pit" experience for every person? How did God show Himself present there?

5. Discuss the significance of the providence of God in this statement by Joseph-
Genesis 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

6. How does knowing God is always with His people relieve fear and anxiety?

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: