

Joseph  
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# What is Faith?

*"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)*

Faith is to believe that God is true in what he says and what he said he would do. It is to trust God in all that he says, even in times of trouble



# Who is Joseph?

*"Now Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him." (Genesis 37:3)*

Joseph was one of the 13 sons of Israel, and the favorite out of them all. His other brothers despised Joseph because of this, even thinking that he was desiring to rule over them, after hearing about his visions.

His brothers conspired to kill him, but the oldest, Reuben, objected and proposed a different solution. Instead, they threw him in an empty cistern, before selling him to a Midianite merchant. Then they faked his death to his father.



# How Joseph Showed Faith

*"The Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden." (Genesis 39:21)*

Joseph was later sold to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's captains. Here, the LORD was with him, and Joseph prospered in everything he did. Potiphar put him in charge of nearly every part of his house. Joseph showed full faithfulness to God and to Potiphar, but due to a false accusation made by Potiphar's wife, Joseph was put in the king's prison.

Even in prison, God was with him, and Joseph showed faith to God and kindness to everyone, eventually gaining the favor of the warden and being put in responsibility of all of the prisoners.

While in prison, two other prisoners, a cupbearer and a baker, came to Joseph with visions. The LORD helped Joseph interpret these visions correctly, and what he interpreted came to pass.



# How Joseph Showed Faith

*"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." (Genesis 41:40)*

About two years later, the Pharaoh had a dream himself. He dreamed two dreams, both having the same premise. The Pharaoh gathered all his magicians and wise men to interpret these dreams, but none could. By this time, the Chief Cupbearer, remembered Joseph, and advised Pharaoh to send for him. With God's help, Joseph was able to interpret these dreams, and warned Pharaoh of a famine that would occur after seven years of prosperity. Joseph was made second in command to Pharaoh himself, and was put in charge of gathering enough food for the famine.





## Conclusion

*"By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones."  
(Hebrews 11:22)*

With faith in God, Joseph was able to show kindness in times of trouble, and able to save all of Egypt, and also forgive his brothers. He was able to turn a bad situation into a blessing.