

GOD'S
KINGDOM

V E R S U S

MAN'S
CULTURE

Purpose:
Lessons I must learn
on the way to destiny.

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Having a dysfunctional, painful and broken childhood is not an excuse to miss your destiny. Joseph's destiny was great but the family and circumstances in which he was born were STRAIGHT-UP CRAZY.

- 1. His father was a deceiver. His name, Jacob, meant "trickster." (Genesis 27&28)**
- 2. Joseph's mother Rachel dies at childbirth (Genesis 35:20).**

- 4. His father had concubines and his brother Reuben had sex with one. (Genesis 35:21-22).**
- 5. His brothers Simeon and Levi were mass murderers (Genesis 34:25).**
- 6. His brother Judah had sex with his own daughter-in-law. (Genesis 38:16).**
- 7. All eleven of his brothers hated him and were jealous of him. (Genesis 37:3-4)**

#1. Joseph was a student of life rather than a victim of life. Wisdom.

Genesis 41:39&41

39 - And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

Genesis 41:41

41 - And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

#2 You've got to make a decision as to who will lead your life.

You must give up your agenda to walk in your purpose. There are times when both you and God will have different agendas for your life. **WHO**

WILL YOU CHOOSE TO WIN?

Proverbs 16:3 (NLT)

***3 - Commit your actions to the LORD,
and your plans will succeed.***

Psalm 37:5-6 (MSG)

***Open up before God, keep nothing
back; he'll do whatever needs to be
done: He'll validate your life in the
clear light of day and stamp you with
approval at high noon.***

#3 You must learn how to become yourself despite the opinions of petty people.

Genesis 37:5

5 - And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

#4 You know you are in the will of God and that you are being righteously attacked when God doesn't rescue you from the problem but shows you ridiculous favor in the middle of the mess.

Joseph sold into slavery

Genesis 39:1-4,20&21

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.

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 favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.

Joseph in prison

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 favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

#5. Character Exam:

You will never have sustainable success with poor character.

Genesis 39

6(b) - ...Now Joseph was well-built and handsome,

7 - and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

8 - But he refused...

10 - And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.