Chapter 3

Joseph, not your average Joe



Dream a Little dream of me. (Genesis 37: 1-11)

"Joseph reported to his father some of the bad things his brothers were doing." Genesis 37:2



Ten Angry Men. (Genesis 37:12-36)

Compromise has a way of destroying convictions.



"Rubin, you are my first born, my strength, the child of my vigorous youth. You are first in rank and first in power. But you are as unruly as a flood, and you will be first no longer. You went to bed with my wife, you defiled my marriage couch." (Genesis 49:3, 4)

Public and private integrity must be the same, or one will destroy the other.

"Mrs. Potiphar, I'm Joe - not a John." (Genesis 39)



"From the day Joseph was put in charge of his master's household and property, the Lord began to bless Potiphar's household for Joseph's sake. All his household affairs went smoothly, and his crops and livestock flourished." (Genesis 39:5)

"Come to bed with me!" (Genesis 39:7)

A baker, a cup there, and a hangman. (Genesis 40)



Dreaming of the cows 'N' the corn. (Genesis 41:1-40)

From Ex-con to CEO. (Genesis41:41-75)



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I never forget a face - much less 10 of them (Genesis 42)

Ben there, done that. (Genesis 43-44)

Joseph was God's agent to save the new nation by bringing the new nation to Egypt.

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•30 was Joseph's age when he was made second in command over all of Egypt.

•39 was his age when his brothers came to ask him for grain.

THE STORY

•22 years elapsed from when Joseph was given his dream to when it was fulfilled.

•110 was his age when he died.

•Joseph enjoyed 71 years of living in prosperity and peace with his family.



To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, ...

to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you lived. This is to have succeeded. **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

THF STORY

"Our shattered dreams are never random. They are always a piece in a larger puzzle, a chapter in a larger story. Pain is a tragedy. But it's never only a tragedy. For the Christian it's always a necessary mile on the long journey to joy. The suffering caused by shattered dreams must not be...

thought of as something to relieve if we can or endure if we must. It's an opportunity to be embraced, a chance to discover our desire for the highest blessing God wants to give us, an encounter with himself." Larry Crabb, "Shattered Dreams"

THF STORY

"It helps to realize that everything that is now possible, was at one time impossible. In every case someone, somewhere, dared to dream, dared to imagine something a little better, a little different." **Edward Lindaman**

