

## OCTOBER LESSON 3

### Evil Into Good: God's Promise Through Joseph

God's Promise

*"I'll see to it that everything works out for the best." (Isaiah 54:17)*

My Promise

*I will trust God in difficult seasons.*

### OPENING

Is there a purpose to all this? Life's circumstances feel overwhelming. Maybe family or friends are sick, hurting, unemployed, or depressed. All you see is chaos, and you want to cry out, "I can't take anymore!" In these times, we can question whether God is still present. We can wonder if he has lost his power. We need to be reminded that he is still here. He still cares. The universe has not spiraled out of control. Because of him, the water stays wet and the rocks remain firm.. The laws of gravity and thermodynamics haven't changed. With his hand at the helm, spring still follows winter and winter follows autumn. There is an order to the universe. He sustains everything. Even more, he uses everything. No moment, event or detail falls outside of his supervision. He stand before the universe as a symphony conductor stands before the orchestr4a, calling forth the elements to play their part in the divine reprise. He carries us through difficulties and promises to work things out for good.

HERE COMES THE DREAMER

*And they said to each other: Here comes the dreamer.* (verse 19)

The hardest thing about living in Kairos time is that many people do not understand what God does in our lives. Sadly, the reason is that they do not believe that God has dreams for them and so react mistakenly as the brothers of Joseph did that wanted to eliminate him because they envied him. They are a model of the spirit of these times. The Kairos of God is not the spirit of this age with its currents.

They cannot steal our dreams that are founded upon an unshakable faith.

### DREAMS ARE NOURISHED IN A CISTERN

*“So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe – the richly ornamented robe he was wearing – and they took him and threw him into the cistern. Now the cistern was empty; there was no water in it.”* (verses 23-24)

**The robe** – For Joseph, the dream that God (the Heavenly Father) had given him, had nothing to do with the robe that his earthly father had given to him. When people take off their earthly “robe”, they lose from sight God’s dream. Joseph shows us that the dream does not depend upon the robe.

**The empty cistern** – God’s dream for Joseph did not live in the robe, nor did it have the cistern as his final destiny. Furthermore, there was no water in it. We can understand that in two ways. One, was that the water could have drowned Joseph’s dream. On the other hand, the dry cistern could not be able to nourish God’s dream in our lives. What was in Joseph’s heart, adding to God’s Kairos, was only a question of time. Because it is in God’s time, the cistern does not define the dream.

### EGYPT IS NOT GOD’S DREAM NOR WAS IT FOR JOSEPH

**They sold him to the Midianite merchants for twenty shekels of silver, who took him to Egypt.** (verse 28)

**They sold him** – When unshakable hope faces the plans of the enemy, it can be identified if it is of God or not. How? The enemy sells and does not give. When God gives us dreams, they come with the blessing of God, even though in the journey the dream is not distinguished. God will take us and will sustain us in the process. The dream does not die.

**They took him to Egypt** - Egypt was the final destiny of the devil, but God's dream was greater than Egypt. Remember, the dream in God's Kairos is reality. Reality was that God was going to do something great with Joseph and his brothers could not imagine that they were instruments of "God's dream."

## LET US ACTIVATE GOD'S DREAM FOR THE YEAR 2022 ACT

Just as in Egypt, Joseph's final destiny was found, since he died in Egypt, God's dream was fulfilled. Joseph wound up getting these blessings in the midst of the results of the actions of his brothers.

**He was honored** – From Potiphar's house, to the jailhouse, and from Pharaoh's house, Joseph's faithfulness to God's dream for his life found honor time and time again. It matters not where we find ourselves at this very moment, God's dream in His time, brings honor. We should believe it for 2022.

**It was the channel of salvation for the people** – When Joseph was honored and taken to a position of authority and influence, he did not forget the "dream". He was favored, blessed, prospered, etc. Instead of becoming egocentric, Joseph decided to bless the nation where he was taken to. This faithfulness allowed for God's blessings, not only for himself but also for his family who lived in another place to be blessed. The dream guards our heart and allows us to see the invisible of God in spite of our circumstances.

**He was blessed** - The end of his earthly journey ended decreeing that Joseph ascended to a place of influence in order to give way to a greater promise. The promise was for a people who were about to disappear.

## GOD GUARDED HIS PROMISE IN JOSEPH'S DREAM

God's promise was that the nations would be blessed through the men and women that believed a supernatural dream. That dream is not earthly. It is a miraculous dream. God guarded a nation called Israel. It was a nation that would represent a people called the church.

The church has inherited that promise and can and should act as Joseph did. If we take care of that dream, God will support us and will bless us in a supernatural way even though we find ourselves in Egypt.