

Tested
& TRUSTED

PSALM 105:16-18

He called for a famine on the land of Canaan,
cutting off its food supply. Then he sent someone
to Egypt ahead of them – Joseph, who was sold
as a slave. They bruised his feet with fetters and
placed his neck in an iron collar.

PSALM 105:19-21

Until the time came to fulfill his dreams, the Lord tested Joseph's character. Then Pharaoh sent for him and set him free; the ruler of the nation opened his prison door. Joseph was put in charge of all the king's household; he became ruler over all the king's possessions.

Time & Test
(not titles or talents)

**ARE NEEDED FOR DREAMS
TO COME TO PASS.**

WHAT IS NOT *Tested*
CANNOT BE (EN)TRUSTED.

Joseph

THE FAVOURED SON

GENESIS 45:3A

And Joseph said to his brothers,
“I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?”

MATTHEW 17:5

He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”

WE NEED

earthly, heavenly, spiritual

**FATHERS IF WE ARE TO
SUCCEED IN LIFE.**

Joseph

THE FAITHFUL STEWARD

GENESIS 39:2

The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master... now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.

GENESIS 39:7-9

And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"

GENESIS 39:10-12

And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her. But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.

Joseph
FEARED GOD

THE ISSUE IS

Lordship

NOT LOVE.

EXODUS 20:20

Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to **TEST** you, that the fear of Him may be before you, that you may not sin.”

FEAR OF THE
unknown

VS

FEAR OF THE
known

Joseph

FLED FROM

POTIPHAR'S WIFE

PROVERBS 16:6B

...and by the fear of the Lord one
turns away from evil.

PROVERBS 8:13A

The fear of the **LORD** is hatred of evil...

GENESIS 39:21-23

But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the Lord was with him. And whatever he did, the Lord made it succeed.

UNRIGHTEOUS
& DESERVED
suffering

VS

RIGHTEOUS
& UNDESERVED
suffering

Faithfulness
IS REVEALED IN PRIVATE,
BUT REWARDED IN PUBLIC.

Joseph

THE FORGIVING BROTHER

GENESIS 45:1, 3A-4

But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.”

Unforgiveness

**IS THE #1 REASON
WHY MOST DREAMS ARE
NEVER REALISED.**

Joseph

THE FORGIVING BROTHER

JOSEPH
neutralised
WHAT HIS
BROTHERS
DID TO HIM.

FORGIVENESS IS
Letting go
**OF THE HURTS, SO THAT IT
HAS NO POWER OVER YOU.**

FORGIVENESS IS
Letting God
HEAL AND BE THE JUDGE.

#1 YOU TELL NOBODY WHAT THEY DID TO YOU.

GENESIS 45:1

Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, “Make everyone go out from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

#2 YOU WILL NOT LET THEM BE AFRAID OF YOU

GENESIS 50:19

But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear,
for am I in the place of God?”

Joseph

MAGNIFIED WHAT
GOD DID FOR HIM.

GENESIS 45:6-8A

And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life... so it was not you who sent me here, but God...

LUKE 23:34

And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them,
for they know not what they do.”

Total Forgiveness

Starts with forgiving them from your **MOUTH**

Eventually from your **HEAD**

And finally, from your **HEART**