

Genesis: God and Man

Joseph (Had a Dream)

Genesis 37

God & Man...

Today, Joseph. Chapter 38 takes a detour, then we'll be back following Joseph

“Crisis reveal character. When we are put to the test the hidden resources of our character are revealed exactly.” Disciples Indeed, Oswald Chambers

“Jesus Christ can afford to be misunderstood; we cannot. Our weakness lies in always wanting to vindicate ourselves.” The Place of Help

“Both nations and individuals have tried Christianity and abandoned it, because it has been found too difficult; but no man has ever gone through the crisis of deliberately making Jesus Lord and found Him to be a failure.” The Love of God—The Making of a Christian

What are you going through?

Do you know what God's purpose and plan is for your life?

Maybe he's revealed it to you in some way already.

How do you think He's going to get you to where you need to be?

Physically? Mentally/emotionally? Spiritually?

Do you think it's going to be a simple walk in the park?

Remember, we're not in the Garden anymore.

Psa 105:16-24 NKJV - Moreover He called for a famine in the land; He destroyed all the provision of bread. He sent a man before them--Joseph--[who] was sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with fetters, He was laid in irons. Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the LORD tested him. The king sent and released him, The ruler of the people let him go free. He made him lord of his house, And ruler of all his possessions, To bind his princes at his pleasure, And teach his elders wisdom. Israel also came into Egypt, And Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham. He increased His people greatly, And made them stronger than their enemies.

The way God works, prepares His people, gets them to where they need to be, is not the way we'd want it sometimes.

Joseph has to go through more hardship, betrayal, false accusation than I think most of us will ever experience, and then has them all to go through. Yet it was necessary, required, for God to accomplish his perfect will in Joseph's life, as well as the nation.

The bigger the trial, the more important the destination.

If it was easy, everyone would do it.

Remember how Genesis started...

The promise...

Now, a type of Christ at the end of In The Beginning.

A picture of the messiah to come. One would save nations, feed them, rule over his brothers and bring them into His kingdom.

But he was not the Messiah. Only a beacon to light the way.

37:1-11

The land of Canaan

Where his father was a stranger. A new place. Separate. Not under any preconceived notions, good or bad, unknown to the people.

Rom 15:20 NKJV - And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation,

Canaan = "lowland"

the 4th son of Ham and the progenitor of the Phoenicians and of the various nations who peopled the seacoast of Palestine

the land west of the Jordan peopled by the descendants of Canaan and subsequently conquered by the Israelites under Joshua

merchant, trader

Modern day Israel

This is the history of Jacob

The story ends its focus on Jacob, but we'll see him again

Joseph, 17, shepherd

Joseph = "Jehovah has added"
the eldest son of Jacob by Rachel

Sons of Bilhah and Zilpah**Much older**

Dan Naphtali Gad Asher

Israel loved Joseph more**Hated him, could not speak peaceably****Dream of sheaves of wheat**

Wheat from tares
But they were binding together
But he was exalted
Pictures of Jesus

Shall you indeed reign over us? Have dominion?

to be or become king or queen, reign, counsel, advise
to rule, have dominion, reign, to exercise that authority

Hated him even more

Mat 7:6 NKJV - "Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces."

First dream just to brothers, second to his brothers then his father

Sun, moon, eleven stars

Jacob rebukes him

to bow down
to depress
to bow down, prostrate oneself
before superior in homage
before God in worship

before false gods
before angel

Bowing down, being back in the dirt...from where we came

Bowing as I understand it in certain cultures, there's a polite bow, keeping eyes on the person (your enemy) or a complete bow of total surrender

Brothers envied,

Mat 27:18 NKJV - For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.

but his dad kept it in mind

Remember, his mom is not around anymore

Luk 2:19 NKJV - But Mary kept all these things and pondered [them] in her heart.

(angels, shepherds)

After finding him in the temple, being about his Father's business

Luk 2:51 NKJV - Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.

:12-24

Shechem

Northwest of the dead sea

I think they wanted away from Joseph

Jacob sends Joseph to check up on them

Aren't your brothers feeding the sheep, go with them

His dream is already starting to come true...his dad has just put him over his brothers

His brothers go to Dothan (not alabama), further north

Two wells, double feast

Now, I don't know that they had to tell their dad. But they weren't were they said they'd be. Maybe the feeding wasn't so good in Shechem, maybe they just wanted to go do something else on their own

As soon as they saw him on the horizon, they conspired to kill him

Premeditated murder...by the group

KILL HIM. Esau and Jacob

Look, this dreamer is coming!

Mocking him

owner, husband, lord

owner

a husband

citizens, inhabitants

rulers, lords

(noun of relationship used to characterise - ie, master of dreams)

lord (used of foreign gods)

We shall see will become of his dreams

You said it!

Reuban didn't want to kill him. Delivered Joseph out of their hands. He physically got involved.

The firstborn, but obviously the firstborn wasn't totally ruling over his brothers

But they did listen to him and his authority

He wanted to bring Joseph back home to dad.

So his way to do that was to have them agree to put him in a pit and then sneak him out later.

Can you believe God is using all of this?**They stripped his coat**

The coat of many colors, authority, nice, not a worker's clothes, white collar vs. blue collar

Pit was empty, no water

He could die in there. Dry, hot.

:25-36

Sit down to eat, see traders coming

Judah, fourth son, same mom as reuben, Leah

Bright idea to sell him.

Ok, so the killing thing is done, let's make a profit.

What profit do we have in killing him? Selling him is just as good. He'll be gone and we'll have some money.

He's our brother, we shouldn't kill him.

Cain and Abel

Some barely there morality...yeah, don't kill him, but sell him? That's the right decision guys!

20 shekels, reminds me of Jesus being sold by Judas for a slave's price

They took Joseph to Egypt.

This was God's bus ride to where Joseph wanted to go.

Reuben apparently wasn't around for this conversation

He is no more, where shall I go?

What am I going to do? My brother? My dad? This whole situation?

Kill a goat, dip his coat in the blood, make it look like he was killed by an animal

Their father, the deceiver, the one who tricked his own dad, betrayed his own brother, is now being deceived by his own sons, about their brother

Jacob hurt so much he thought he would die

The level of heartache over the loss of a child

Without a doubt...he didn't doubt his sons, he believed their deception

And reuben doesn't tell him. Can you imagine the guilt.

The midianites didn't keep Joseph, they only profited off of him

Gospel for profit

Sold to Potiphar, captain of Pharaoh's guard

Head of secret service

Executioner, cook/butcher killed the animal, bodyguard

In just a short amount of time, Joseph went from dreaming in a field to being one step away from the most powerful man on earth.

Albeit, he was a slave, but the story isn't over yet.

What's happened in your life?

Where are you in estimation to God's plan?

Do you think Joseph felt like he was in God's perfect will at this moment?

Did it seem to him to be closer or further away from his dreams?

Ecc 3:11 NKJV - He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

Phi 1:6 NKJV - being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete [it] until the day of Jesus Christ;