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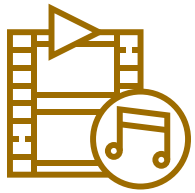


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1 TIME OF PRAISE

Welcome to Youth Worship! This month, we will be learning about Joseph. As we immerse into Joseph's life, you will see how God was at work and is still at work in similar ways in our lives today. We see God's grace shine through Joseph's journey of betrayal, enslavement, temptation, and abandonment to help us see that God is with us, even when things seem far from perfect. We invite you to begin your worship by joining the praise section of our English Worship at english.mykec.ca.



2 LET'S FIND OUT!

For the past few weeks we have seen the experiences of Joseph, and we see that the Lord was with him. Even though the Lord was with Joseph, he was still stuck in prison. But things seem to take a turn this week. Let's find out!



3 WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

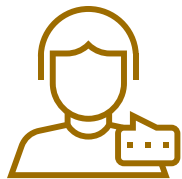
Watch: The Story of Joseph (3) - Watch from 5:00 till the end.

Read: Genesis 41; 47:13-27

Two years have passed since the restoration of the chief cupbearer, but Joseph was still in prison. The Pharaoh had two very dark dreams, which no one in his court was able to interpret to his satisfaction. That was when the cupbearer recalled Joseph's gift of interpreting dreams. Joseph was called to Pharaoh's palace and he was able to interpret Pharaoh's dream. Joseph gave glory to God instead.

Joseph told Pharaoh that the dreams were pointing to seven years of abundance, followed by seven years of famine that were about to take place. After interpreting the dreams, Joseph gave some suggestions on how to deal with the upcoming calamity. He suggested to store up during the years of abundance so that Egypt would be prepared for the upcoming famine.

Considering the proposal from Joseph. Pharaoh decided that Joseph will head up this project. In a surprising turn, Joseph was now the second in command, beneath only Pharaoh himself, wearing the finest robes and Pharaoh's signet ring.



4 THE STORY!

Joseph was forgotten by the cupbearer after being restored, but that was not the end for Joseph. He continued to be faithful to do his best in the prison. When Joseph was asked to interpret Pharaoh's dreams, he did not take credit for himself.

Joseph responded that: "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer." (v.16) Joseph placed God before himself and gave the honour accordingly. He did not become proud when he was successful but remained faithful and humble. He remembered how God provided for him by giving these names to his sons:

1. Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house." (v.51)
2. The name of the second he called Ephraim, "For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

Joseph always remembered how God provided for him and blessed him with what he had and praised the Lord. From being a slave to a governor, the road that Joseph walked was not an easy one. At each step of the way, however, the Lord provided for Joseph.



5 IN MY LIFE!

It is part of our lives to experience trials and challenges. There will be moments when we feel down or unfair. But God is always with us and He provides. Even though Joseph was forgotten by the cupbearer, he was never forgotten by God.

Take some time this week to take a look at your own journey. Map out the moments when you felt lost or forgotten. Do you notice how God has provided for you? Would you give glory and thanks to God? If you are currently feeling abandoned or hopeless, would you pray to see how God is providing for you at this moment? Let us find out how God continues to provide for Joseph's family next week.

If you need any prayer support, please contact Pastor Ava ava@koinoniachurch.ca or Pastor Canaan canaan@koinoniachurch.ca.