

“JOSEPH’S FAMILY TREE”



“THE PIT STOPS OF LIFE”



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HAPPY DAYS



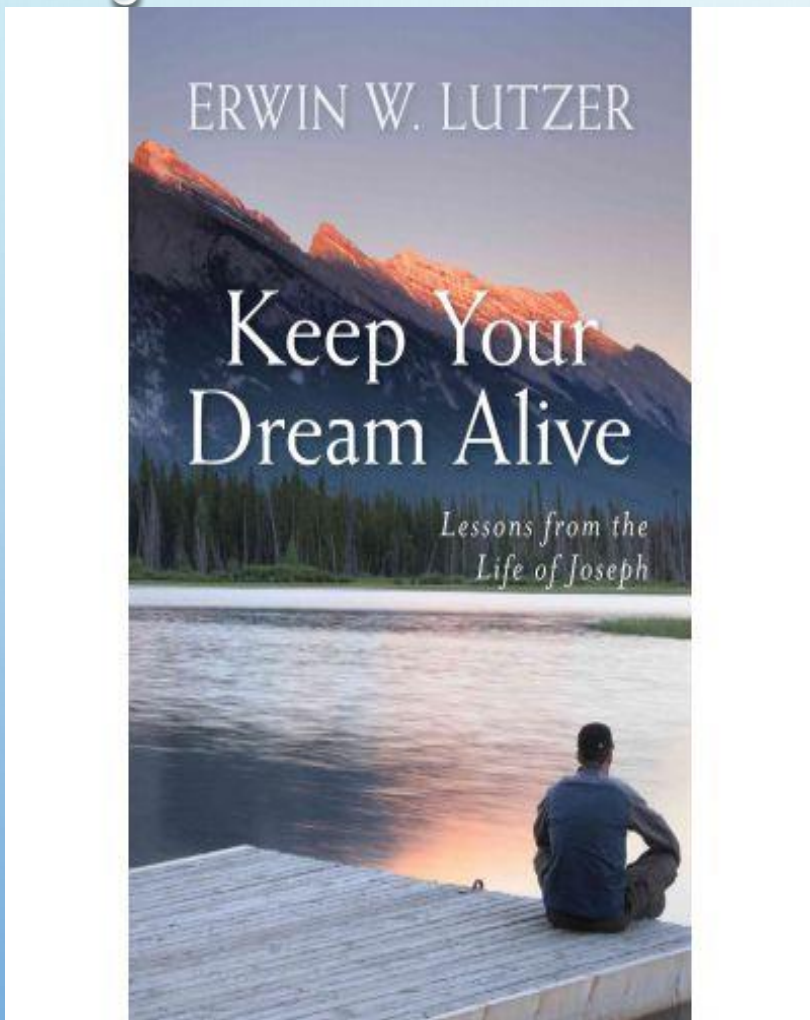
DAD: “DID YOU KNOW THERE IS A LESSON IN THIS FOR YOU?”

RICHIE: “I FIGURED ANYTHING WITH THIS MUCH PAIN HAD TO HAVE A LESSON IN IT SOMEWHERE.”

BEGINNING & ENDING JOY

**“THEN GOD REMEMBERED RACHEL, AND GOD LISTENED TO HER AND OPENED HER WOMB. SHE CONCEIVED AND BORE A SON AND SAID, GOD HAS TAKEN AWAY MY REPROACH. AND SHE CALLED HIS NAME JOSEPH, SAYING, MAY THE LORD ADD TO ME ANOTHER SON!”
(GENESIS 30:22-24).**

“BY FAITH JOSEPH, AT THE END OF HIS LIFE, MADE MENTION OF THE EXODUS OF THE ISRAELITES AND GAVE DIRECTIONS CONCERNING HIS BONES” (HEBREWS 11:22).



“THERE ARE AS MANY SHATTERED DREAMS AS THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD. TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBOR, TAKE A FRIEND TO LUNCH, OR LISTEN TO THE PRAYER REQUESTS AT YOUR CHURCH AND YOU WILL HEAR A WHOLE LITANY OF DISAPPOINTMENTS. OUR EXPECTATIONS ARE GENERALLY HIGHER THAN REALITY ALLOWS. SOMEWHERE AROUND YOU RIGHT NOW, SOMEONE’S DREAM IS BURSTING LIKE A SOAP BUBBLE.”

ROMANS 15:4

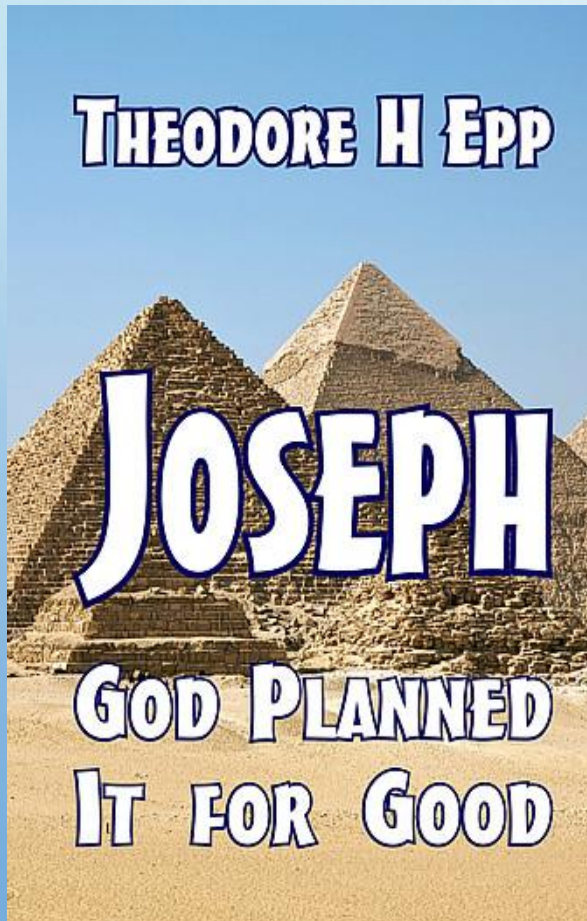


**“FOR WHATEVER WAS WRITTEN
IN FORMER DAYS WAS WRITTEN
FOR OUR INSTRUCTION, THAT
THROUGH ENDURANCE AND
THROUGH THE ENCOURAGEMENT
OF THE SCRIPTURES WE MIGHT
HAVE HOPE.”**

PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE THE OPTION OF CHOOSING THEIR FAMILY.

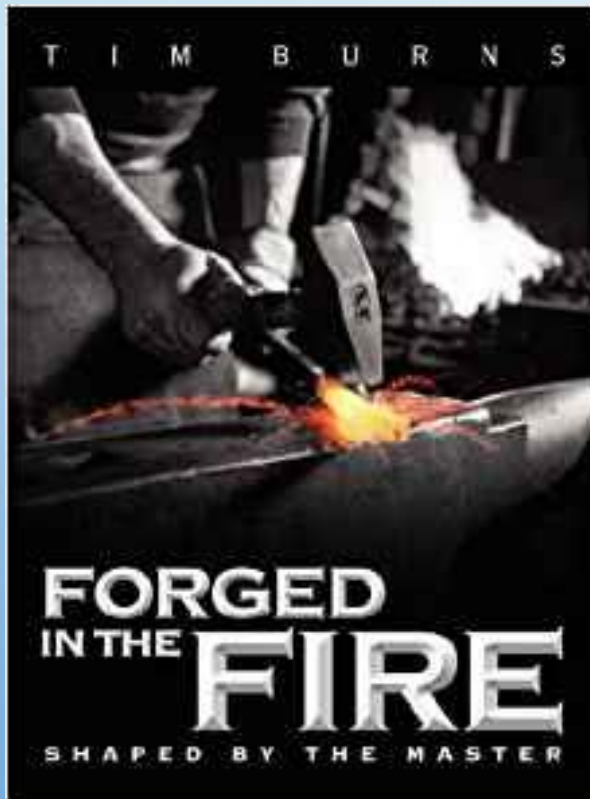
“IF YOU LOOK AT JOSEPH’S FAMILY, YOU WOULD NEVER GUESS THAT HE WAS DESTINED FOR GREATNESS. TRY AS YOU MIGHT, WE CANNOT SEE A SINGLE REASON TO THINK THAT A MAN OF JOSEPH’S CALIBER COULD ARISE FROM THIS DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY” (ERWIN LUTZER).

THEODORE EPP



“GOD WANTED TO SHOW US HOW A PERSON CAN LIVE HONORABLY BEFORE GOD REGARDLESS OF HIS HEREDITY AND ENVIRONMENT. IF JOSEPH COULD LIVE SUCH A VICTORIOUS LIFE UNDER THOSE EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES, THEN IT IS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE FOR ME TO LIVE A VICTORIOUS LIFE.”

DISRUPTIVE EVENTS VS. DYSFUNCTIONAL TRAITS



**“OUR MODERN TERM
DYSFUNCTIONAL COULD
HAVE BEEN INVENTED BY
JACOB AND HIS FAMILY”
(TIMOTHY BURNS).**

I. PERSONALITY FLAWS

- A. DECEPTION (GENESIS 27)**
- B. LYING (GENESIS 26:7-9)**
- C. GRUDGES (GENESIS 27:41)**
- D. JEALOUSY (GENESIS 30:1; 37:4)**
- E. TREACHERY (GENESIS 31:20-21)**
- F. MANIPULATION (GENESIS 33:10)**
- G. PASSIVITY (GENESIS 35:33; 37:11; 49:3-4)**

II. PERVERSION FAULTS

A. INHERITANCE (GENESIS 25:34)

B. RELIGIOUS (GENESIS 30:27; 31:34)

C. SEXUAL (GENESIS 30:15; 35:22-26; 35 & 38)

APHRODISIAC; INCEST; POLYGAMY; & RAPE

D. MURDER (GENESIS 34:25)



III. PERIPHERAL FACTS

A. MULTIPLE WIVES (LEAH, RACHEL, ZILPAH, & BILHAH)

B. BLENDED FAMILY

C. MOTHER DIED (GENESIS 35:16-19)


D. FAVORITISM (GENESIS 27:30-41; 37:3)



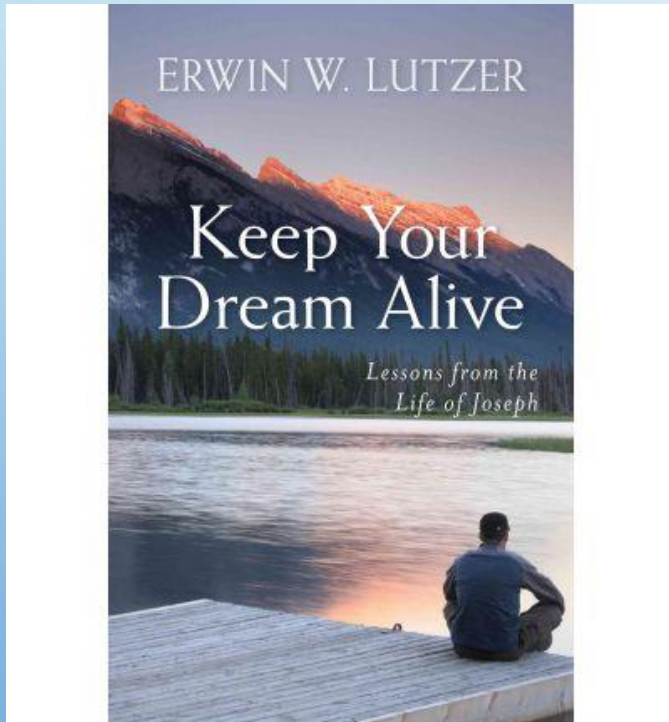


It Is What It Is

**“YOU CANNOT CONTROL ALL THE DETAILS OR THE
LENGTH OF YOUR LIFE, BUT YOU CAN HAVE
SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT ITS WIDTH AND DEPTH”
(TIMOTHY BURNS).**

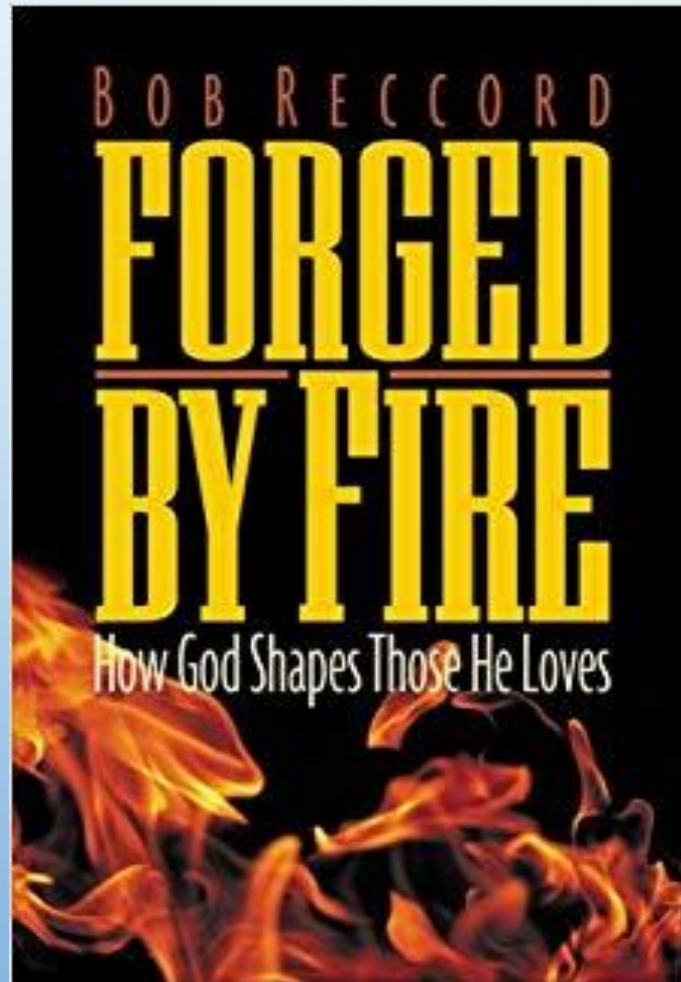


ERWIN LUTZER



“JOSEPH’S ROOTS WERE PLANTED IN DRY GROUND, AN EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL WASTELAND. HE HAD NO DECENT ROLE MODELS, NO OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HOW A MAN SHOULD LIVE FOR GOD. YET HE ROSE ABOVE HIS FAMILY AND CIRCUMSTANCES.”

**ALL OF US COME FROM VARIOUS DEGREES OF
FAMILY DYSFUNCTION DUE TO ADAM'S SIN**



PSALM 105:16-22

WHEN HE SUMMONED A FAMINE ON THE LAND AND BROKE ALL SUPPLY OF BREAD, HE HAD SENT A MAN AHEAD OF THEM, JOSEPH, WHO WAS SOLD AS A SLAVE. HIS FEET WERE HURT WITH FETTERS; HIS NECK WAS PUT IN A COLLAR OF IRON; UNTIL WHAT HE HAD SAID CAME TO PASS, THE WORD OF THE LORD TESTED HIM. THE KING SENT AND RELEASED HIM; THE RULER OF THE PEOPLES SET HIM FREE; HE MADE HIM LORD OF HIS HOUSE AND RULER OF ALL HIS POSSESSIONS, TO BIND HIS PRINCES AT HIS PLEASURE AND TO TEACH HIS ELDERS WISDOM.