



August 4 – Is that Egypt?!?

Have you ever taken a trip that seemed doomed from the start? Maybe things didn't go the way you had planned, or some spot wasn't what you thought it was going to be like. In Genesis, Joseph had one of those trips – it started off in the worst way possible and didn't seem to get any better. But the trip changed, and Joseph ended up somewhere he never dreamed of! Join us this weekend as we journey with Joseph all the way to Egypt!

Scripture:

Genesis 37:18-28

When Joseph's brothers saw him coming, they recognized him in the distance. As he approached, they made plans to kill him. ¹⁹ "Here comes the dreamer!" they said. ²⁰ "Come on, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns. We can tell our father, 'A wild animal has eaten him.' Then we'll see what becomes of his dreams!" ²¹ But when Reuben heard of their scheme, he came to Joseph's rescue. "Let's not kill him," he said. ²² "Why should we shed any blood? Let's just throw him into this empty cistern here in the wilderness. Then he'll die without our laying a hand on him." Reuben was secretly planning to rescue Joseph and return him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph arrived, his brothers ripped off the beautiful robe he was wearing. ²⁴ Then they grabbed him and threw him into the cistern. Now the cistern was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵ Then, just as they were sitting down to eat, they looked up and saw a caravan of camels in the distance coming toward them. It was a group of Ishmaelite traders taking a load of gum, balm, and aromatic resin from Gilead down to Egypt. ²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain by killing our brother? We'd have to cover up the crime." ²⁷ Instead of hurting him, let's sell him to those Ishmaelite traders. After all, he is our brother—our own flesh and blood!" And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ So when the Ishmaelites, who were Midianite traders, came by, Joseph's brothers pulled him out of the cistern and sold him to them for twenty pieces of silver. And the traders took him to Egypt.

Psalms 91:2-10

This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. ³ For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. ⁴ He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection. ⁵ Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day. ⁶ Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday. ⁷ Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you. ⁹ If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, ¹⁰ no evil will conquer you;

Questions

- Have you ever ended up taking a trip you didn't want to go on? Where did you go? What happened? Was there anything that redeemed the trip for you? If so, what was it?
- Has the Lord ever taken you on a journey you weren't sure about? If so, what happened? How did the journey impact you? What did you learn?
- No matter where you go, the Lord goes with you. Repeat that truth to yourself every day this week!

Reading for the Week:

Monday: Isaiah 55:8-9

Tuesday: Proverbs 19:21

Wednesday: Romans 5:3

Thursday: James 4:14-15

Friday: Hebrews 11:1