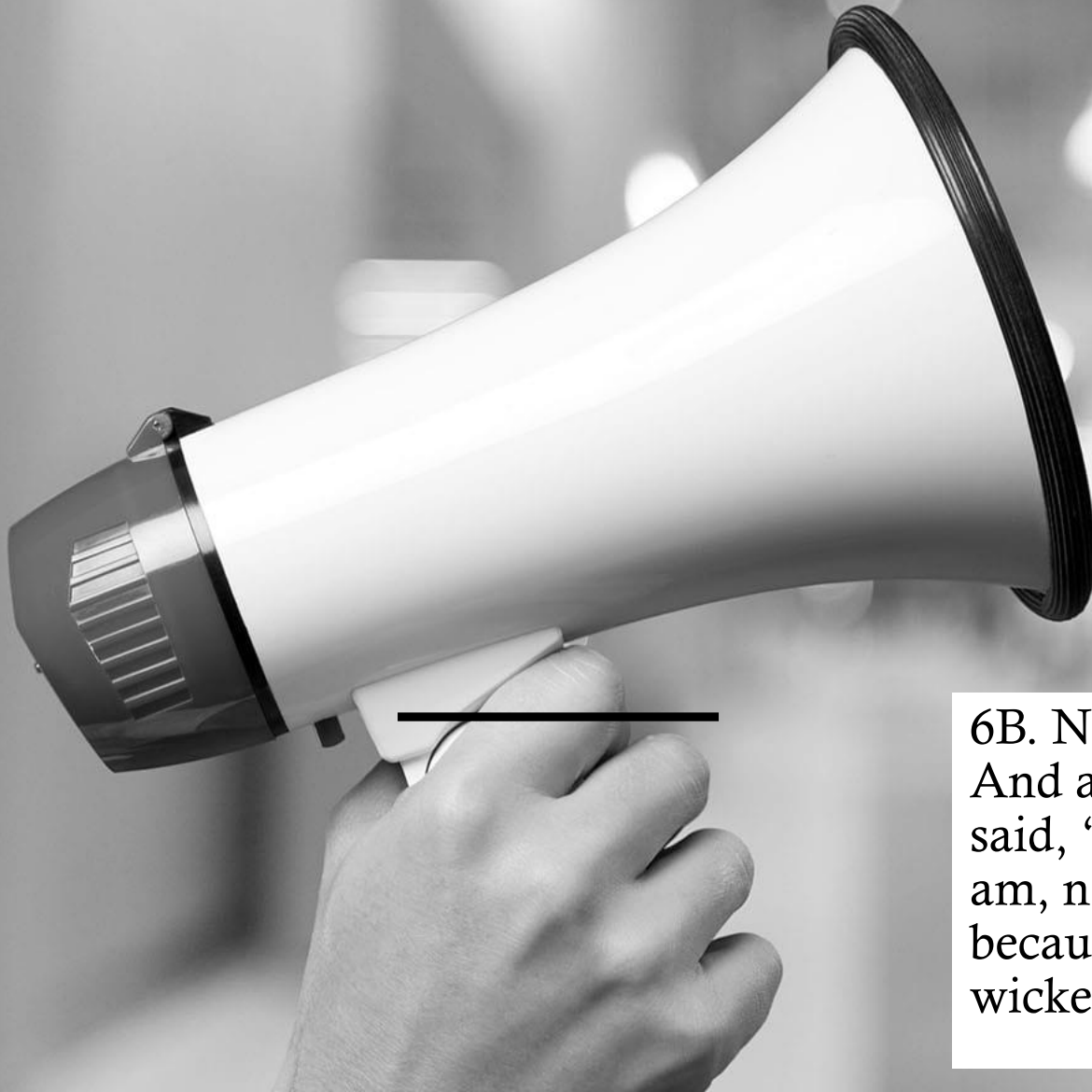


Character Study

Joseph, the dreamer...



CALLED OUT, FOR HIS GLORY

6B. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. 7. And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." 9. 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 39:6-7,9 ESV**

JOSEPH'S ANCESTRY (FAMILY)

- The Call of Abraham – Gens 12:1-3

1. Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

- The deception of Leban to Jacob – Gens 29:21-23, 1 Cor 1:27

21. Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” 22. So, Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. 23. But in the evening, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her.

JACOB'S LOVE FOR JOSEPH

- 2. These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. 3. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. 4. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him. Gens 37:2-4
 - Favoritism turned out bad – Romans 2:11 For God does not show favoritism.
 - Envy blindfolds our eyes – James 3:14-16
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JOSEPH, HATED FOR HIS DREAMS

5. Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. 6. He said to them, “Hear this dream that I have dreamed: 7. Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf.” 8. His brothers said to him, “Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?” So, they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words. - Gens 37:5-8

- Discernment over desperation – 12. For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. Isaiah 52:12
 - Plot to Sell Joseph – Gens 37:14-26
 - Joseph is sold to slave traders – Gens 37:27-28
 - Joseph arrives Potiphar's house – Gens 37:36
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"FROM PRISON TO PALACE, LESSONS FROM JOSEPH'S TRAILS"

CALLED OUT

1. CALLED OUT UNTO IDENTITY FOR A MISSION – (Joseph's trials strengthens his relationship with God) - Gens 37:5-11, Gens 39:2-4
2. The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. 3. His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to succeed in his hands.

Why does God Call us unto Identity?

1. To showcase His glory – 1 Peter 2:9, Gens 39:5

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

2. For the harvest of Souls – Luke 4:18-19, Matt 5:14-15
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CALLED OUT

2. CALLED OUT UNTO INTEGRITY (Joseph faces character test) – Gens 39:2-13

6. So, he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. 7. And after a time, his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me."

[9] 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?"

Why Does God Call us unto Integrity?

1. God is Holy – 1 Peter 2:10-11

[2] "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. Leviticus 19:2

2. Christlikeness –Philippians 2:5

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin Hebs 4:15

CALLED OUT

3. CALLED OUT FOR STEWARDSHIP (Joseph does not fail to serve others and use his gifts even in the face of trials) Gens 40:1-19, 41:33-36

2. And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, 3. and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. 4. The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody. 6. When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. 7. So, he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, "Why are your faces downcast today?"

Why Does God Call us unto Service?

1. To showcase His glory – 1 Peter 4:9-10, Matt 20:27

9. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace-

2. Service never goes unrewarded by the father – Hebs 6:10

CALLED OUT

4. CALLED OUT FOR EXPLOITS (Joseph excels in a foreign land) Gens 41:37- 40

37. This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. 38. And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?” 39. Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. 40. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.”

Why Does God Call us unto exploits?

1. To Glorify His Name – Daniel 1:17, 19-20

2. To Showcase His Power and Wealth - Isaiah 45:5-6, 14

[14] Thus says the Lord: “The wealth of Egypt and the merchandise of Cush, and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over to you and be yours; they shall follow you; they shall come over in chains and bow down to you. They will plead with you, saying: ‘Surely God is in you, and there is no other, no god besides him.’”

CALLED OUT

4. CALLED OUT UNTO RECONCILIATION (Joseph forgives his brothers) Gens 50:17,20

17. 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

20. "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. "

Why does God call us out to reconciliation

1. To emulate His Love and Mercy towards us – John 3:16, Lams 3:21-23, Matt 5:7
2. To Live in Peace and Harmony – Cols 3:15

"Finally, brothers, rejoice. aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. " 2 Corinthians 13:11



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"ROAD TO REDEMPTION: HOW JOSEPH STORY POINTS US TO JESUS"

JOSEPH; ROAD TO NEW TESTAMENT REDEMPTION...

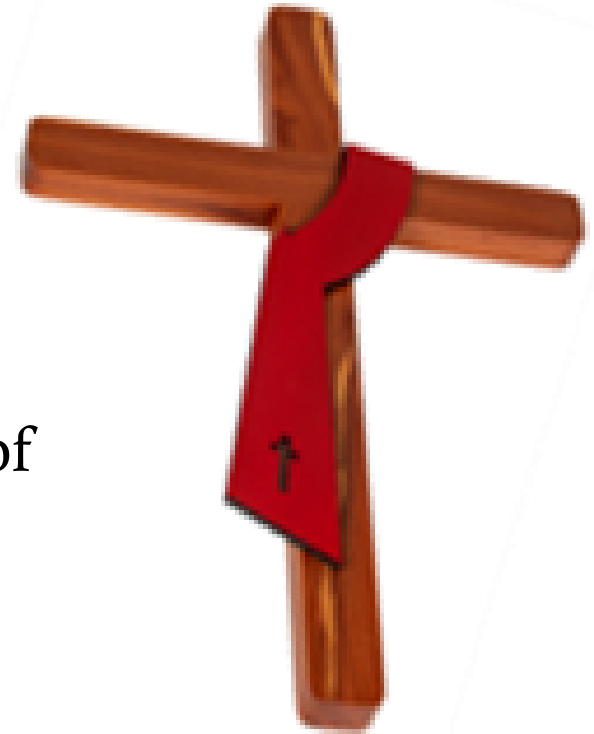
Foreshadowing of Jesus Christ

1. **Chosen for a purpose** – 8. And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8, Titus 2:14
 2. **Betrayed by the ones He came to save** - Matt 26:21-23
 3. **Forgives the ones who crucified Him** – 34. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. Luke 23:34
 4. **Reconciles us with the Father** – 18. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 2 Corinthians 5:18
 5. **His Return** – 36. **But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.** Matt 24:36
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RETROSPECT...

- What areas is God calling you out today?

28. So, Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. Hebs 9:28





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