



Overcoming Life's Challenges (Hebrews 11:21-22; Genesis Chapters 37-50)

Overview: The life of Joseph, as depicted in Genesis 37-50, provides valuable lessons for Christ followers on how to live in a manner worthy of the gospel. Below are key lessons that can be gleaned from the challenges (treachery, hatred, bitterness, lies, jealousy, temptations, and pressures) that Joseph faced:

1. _____ God's overarching plan! Gen. 45:4-5
2. _____ resilience in adversity! Gen. 37:35-36
3. _____ God given gifts for others! Gen. 41:39-41
4. _____ the Lord his God! Gen. 45:8-9
5. _____ forgiveness to the guilty! Gen. 50:17
6. _____ by the favor of God! Gen. 41:39-41

Discussion Questions:

1. What did you learn from the message this past Sunday?
2. Joseph trusted God's dream for his life! Write down in your own words God's dream (plan – purpose) for his life!
3. What do you think is God's plan for your life? Do you find your life fulfilling and fitting in with the Lord's purpose for humanity? Explain!
4. What does the word resilience mean and how was it manifested in Joseph's life? How is resilience seen in your life?
5. Is doing the "will of God" a way a life for you? If not, what do you think is the major roadblock and is there anything you can do about it?
6. Joseph used his God given gifts for the glory of God and the furtherance of His kingdom rule. Are you exercising your gifts according to Romans 12:6?
7. Joseph reaped what he sowed (Gal. 6:7-10) throughout his life. What blessings and rewards did Joseph experience because he sowed to the Spirit and not the flesh?
8. Does the favor and love of God control you, constrain you, and consume you? Explain!