

## The Rest of the Story - Joseph

What would you do if knew that God was with you

- Joseph was only 17 years old when he was sold to who knows who for who knows what.
- No assurances of what lies ahead
- God was up to something huge and Joseph did not know the first things about it.
- Through the Lens of eternity, God was positioning a person who would raise up a nation with a nation from whom the Messiah would ultimately come as the savior to the world.
- Gen. 39:1-2 - The Lord was with Joseph....
- The Lord Blessed the Egyptians Household - Some would complain why not bless me...
- Masters wife tries to seduce him.....
  - His answer: Vs. 9 - How could I do this great wickedness and sin against God
- Now here's Joseph still a slave, still standing behind His God.
- Joseph was a man that was confident that God was with Him.
  - Although He seemed so silent, He was not absent.
- Here is What has happened
  - Sold into Slavery
  - Framed for Rape
  - Tossed in the Dungeon
    - No Hope, No promise, no revelation, just a Kid, was not native language
- he still found favor
- WHY
  - Simple - He did what anybody would do if he knew God was with him.
- The Butler and the Baker enter the Dungeon -
- He Interprets their Dreams and they come to pass
- Joseph Asks the Butler to remember Him
- 40:23 The Butler forgets
  - How short of memory does this guy have...He could just mention to Pharaoh
- This is how it goes for us
  - God if you could just give me this deal, this closing, grade, score, and all will be great
  - We always want it now, and if God could just give us this 1 thing now we would be set.
- 41:1 Full 2 years has passed
  - Have you ever been there.....Seems like your in this Job forever, thought you would be gone a long time ago.....
- Pharaoh has dreams - No one can interpret - Butler now remembers 41:12
  - God was Silent but not absent
  - Just because you don't see it happening, does not mean that it is not happening
  - Just because you don't understand it, doesn't mean it don't make sense
  - Just because you can't interpret the circumstances, doesn't mean there isn't a divine interpretation.

- 2 years went by the Butler forgot, but God did not.

Joseph get called to interpret the Dreams of Pharaoh.

- This is the moment of truth - Where the Raise is coming, the big deal, the bonus, this is the deal of all deals, your 1 break
- Joseph answers Vs. 15-16 - It is not in me
- Are you still going to do and say the right thing.
- But God will give pharaoh the answer.
- Why did He do that.... why He said What He said?
  - He said it because that's what you would say if you were confident that God is with you – it never changes
  - Intimidating circumstances in front of intimidating people

Read 41:39-41

- Do you know What God wants to accomplish through you? NO
- Do you know how many people God wants to influence through you? NO
- Do you know what hangs in the balance of your decision?
- Today I am going to live my life confident that God is with me
- You don't want to miss your part in the story
- You don't want to wake up one day and look back on your life and go AHHH! How stupid was I???
- I kept trying to control and manipulate and make it happen and shake it out and I messed it.

You don't know what God wants to do through you and you don't know what God IS doing through you.

God is up to something Big

Here's your part- Wake up every day and ask the question what would God do with someone who is like me if God was with them

I am with you ALWAYS. Your responsibility is simple. You don't have to worry about everyone else's part or role

Matthew 28:18-20

Although he is often silent – He is not absent

I will live this day as if my heavenly father is with me and Jesus said I will take it one step further. I am going to be IN you.

Here's the challenge – Are you willing to live, love, lead as men and women that God is with? The no win situations, the down times, the up time.

When you look Back – I did not know I had a role

Joseph and Jesus ( a King ???\_ yeah though Psalm 23:4 I walk through the valley of the Shadow of Death. I will fear no evil for you are with me.

Easier to say it than do it.