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Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon.”¹⁶ When the chief baker saw that Joseph had given a favorable interpretation, he said to Joseph, “I too had a dream: On my head were three baskets of bread.¹⁷ In the top basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head.”¹⁸ “This is what it means,” Joseph said. “The three baskets are three days.¹⁹ Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head

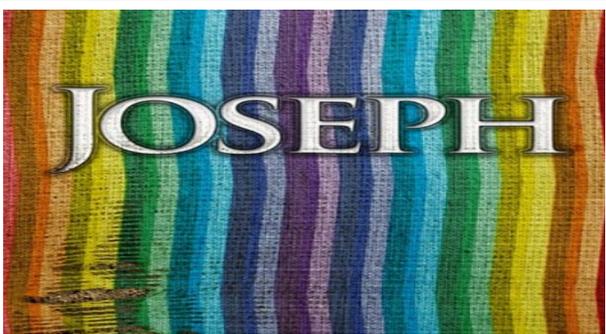
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and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat away your flesh.”²⁰ Now the third day was Pharaoh's birthday, and he gave a feast for all his officials. He lifted up the heads of the chief cupbearer and the chief baker in the presence of his officials:²¹ He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, so that he once again put the cup into Pharaoh's hand,²² but he hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had said to them in his interpretation.²³ The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

The “FIRST 30 YEARS” of Joseph’s life would have made MOST of us “SEVERELY DEPRESSED”!

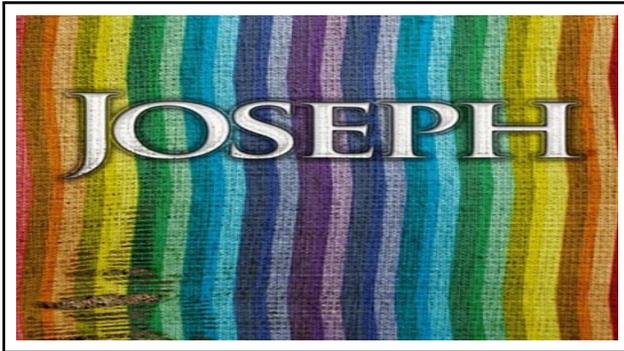
Psalm 17b-18,

“Joseph, sold as a slave; they bruised his feet with shackles, his neck was put in irons.”

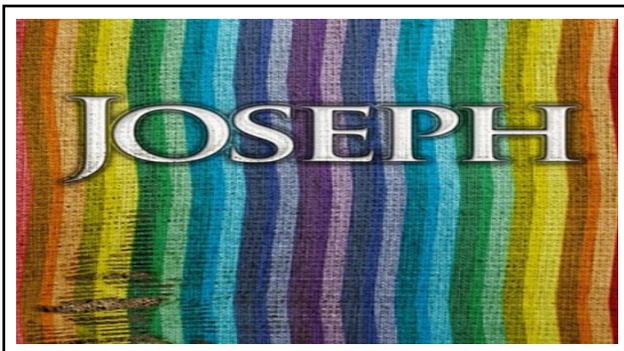


Question:
What would be YOUR REACTION?

What would a NORMAL PERSON DO, today?



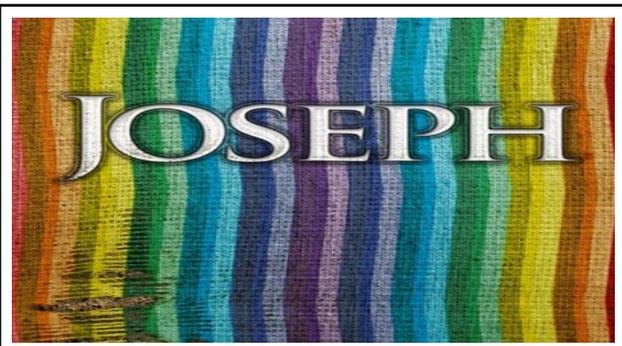
**"HURT ME ONCE,
SHAME ON YOU;
HURT ME TWICE,
SHAME ON ME!"**



EVIDENCES OF HIS FAITHFULNESS:
1.) He "**MAINTAINED**" a sense of **RESPONSIBILITY**.

Genesis 39:20-22,

"He (Potiphar) threw Joseph into prison, where the king's prisoners were kept in chains! But, The Lord was with Joseph there, too, and was kind to him by granting him favor with the chief jailer. In fact, the jailer soon handed over the entire prison administration to Joseph, so that all the other prisoners were responsible to him."



COMPARISONS

"SLAVE TO POTIPHAR" / "PRISONER IN JAIL"

Genesis 39:2,

"The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man in the house of the Egyptian, his master!"

Genesis 39:21,

"But, The Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison."

COMPARISONS

**"SLAVE TO POTIPHAR" / "PRISONER IN JAIL"
"LUXURIOUS HOUSE" / "LOWLY DUNGEON"**

Genesis 39:4,

"So Joseph found favor in his (Potiphar's) sight, and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house, and put him in charge of all that he had."

Genesis 39:22,

"And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison. And, whatever was done there, he was the doer of it."

COMPARISONS

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"MODEL SLAVE" / "MODEL PRISONER"**

Genesis 39:4b

"Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned."

Genesis 39:22

"So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in prison, and he was responsible for all that was done there."

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"PERFORMED WELL"**

Genesis 39:6,

"With Joseph in charge, he (Potiphar) did not concern himself with anything, except the food he ate."

Genesis 39:23,

"The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because The Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did."

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 "SO DEPENDABLE" / "PEOPLE COULD TURN
 EVERYTHING OVER TO HIM & NOT WORRY"

Genesis 39:3,

**"When his master (Potiphar) saw that
 The Lord was with him, and gave him
 success in everything he did..."**

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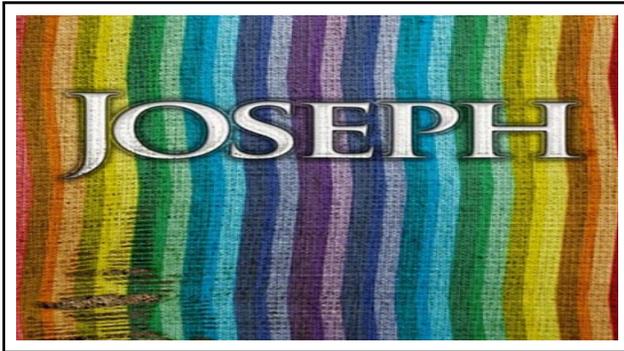
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 EVERYTHING OVER TO HIM & NOT WORRY"
 "PERFORM IN SUCH A WAY" / PEOPLE "GAVE
 CREDIT TO HIS GOD"!

EVIDENCES OF HIS FAITHFULNESS:

- 1.) He "MAINTAINED" a sense of RESPONSIBILITY.
- 2.) Joseph was "SENSITIVE" to OTHER PEOPLE.

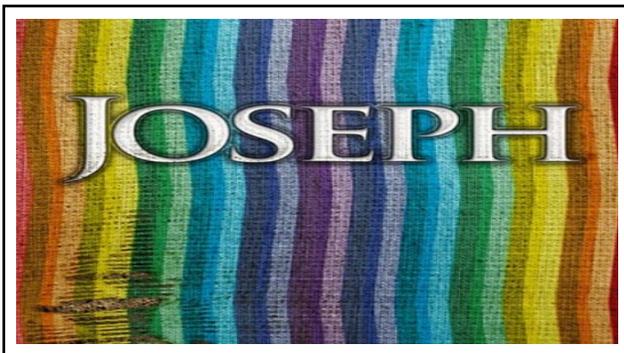
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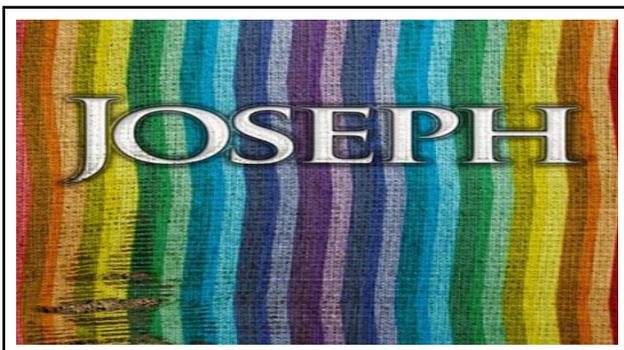
Genesis 40:4b-5,

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Genesis 40:6-7,

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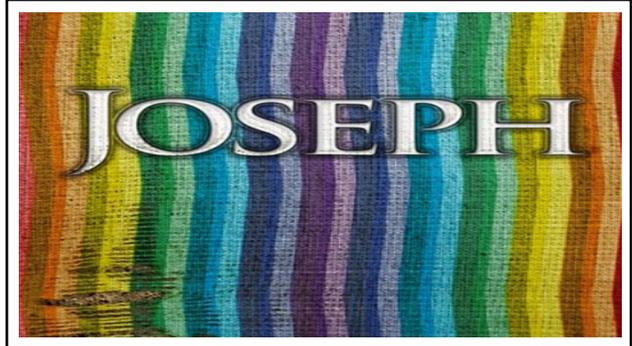


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Genesis 40:8,

“‘We both had dreams’, they answered, ‘but there is no one to interpret them.’ Then Joseph said to them, ‘Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams.’”

**Matthew 5:16,**

“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, Who is in Heaven!”

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- 4.) Joseph’s **“SPIRITUALITY”** is **EVIDENT**.

Genesis 40:9-13,

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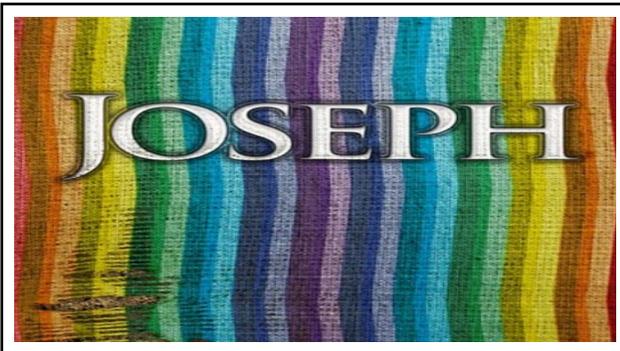
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Genesis 40:14-15,

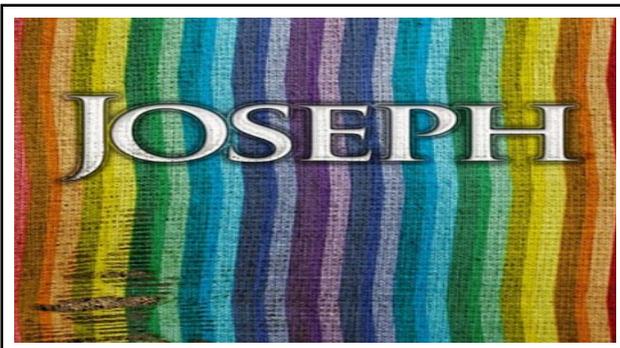
“But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. For I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon.”

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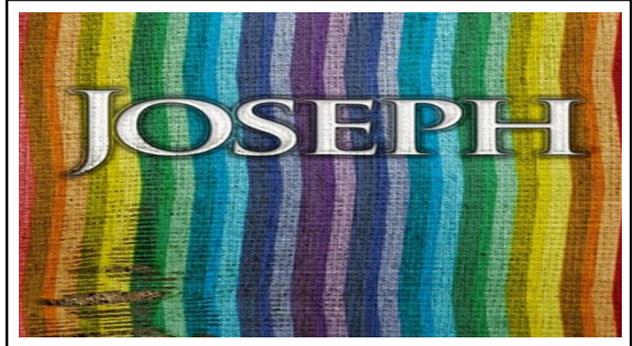
**Genesis 40:16-17,**

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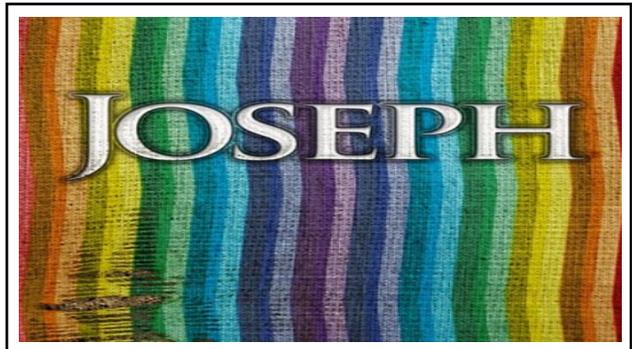
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- 6.) Joseph had **“TENACITY”!** He **NEVER QUIT**.

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Genesis 41:1,

"When TWO FULL YEARS had passed...."



2 Corinthians 4:8-10,

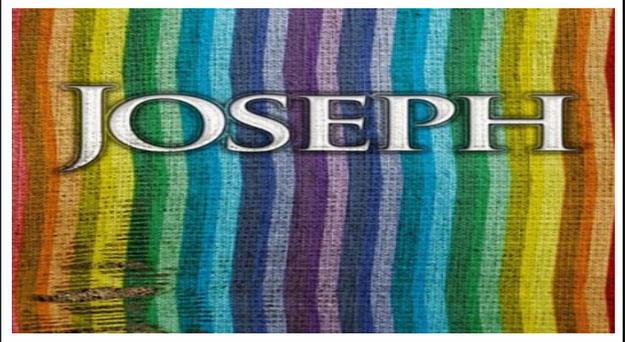
"We are PRESSED ON EVERY SIDE, by TROUBLES; but NOT CRUSHED and BROKEN! We are PERPLEXED, because we DON'T KNOW WHY things happen as they do, but we DON'T GIVE UP and QUIT. We are HUNTED DOWN, but GOD NEVER ABANDONS US!

2 Corinthians 4:8-10,

We are KNOCKED DOWN, but we GET UP AGAIN, and KEEP GOING! These bodies of ours are CONSTANTLY FACING DEATH, just as JESUS DID! So, it is CLEAR TO ALL, that it is ONLY THE LIVING CHRIST, within, Who KEEPS us SAFE!"

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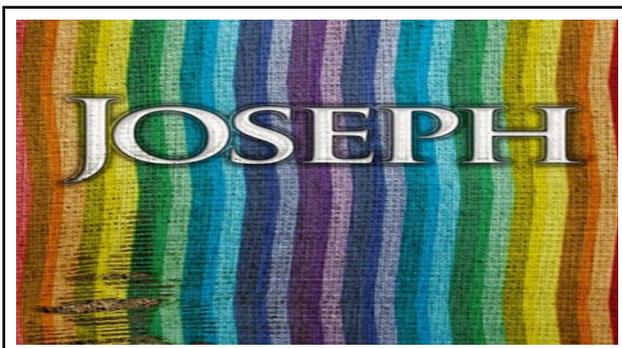


**"IF YOU ACT THE WAY YOU WISH
YOU FELT, YOU'LL EVENTUALLY
FEEL THE WAY YOU ACT!"**

William James, Psychologist

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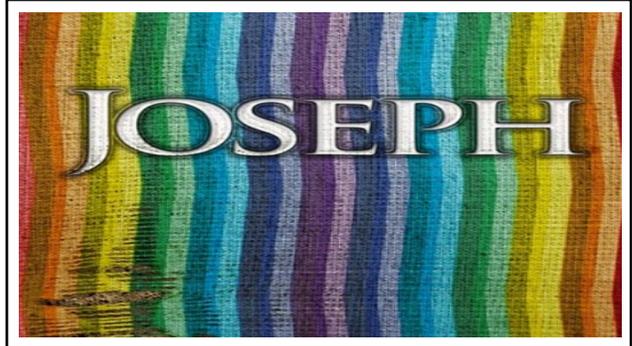


2 Corinthians 1:3-4,

"Praise be to The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Father of COMPASSION and The God of ALL COMFORT, Who comforts US in all OUR troubles, so that WE can comfort those in any trouble, with the comfort WE OURSELVES have received from God."

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- 4.) When you're "DISCOURAGED", put your "TRUST", totally, in GOD!

Romans 8:28,

"And we KNOW that in ALL THINGS, God works for the GOOD, of those who LOVE HIM, who have been CALLED according to HIS PURPOSE!"

