

Genesis 50:15-26

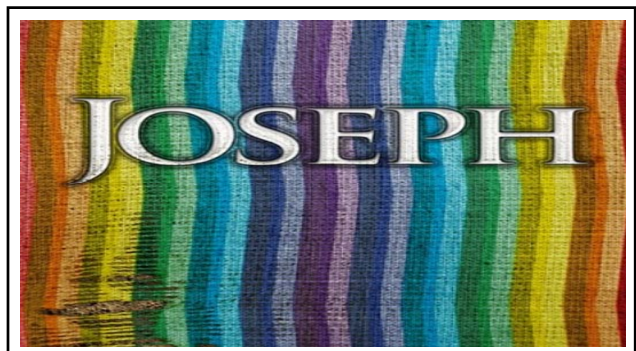
15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" 16 So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 17 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

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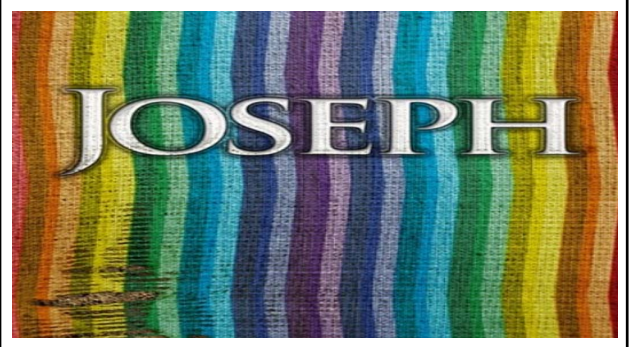
18 His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. 19 But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. 21 So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. 22 Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived a hundred and ten years

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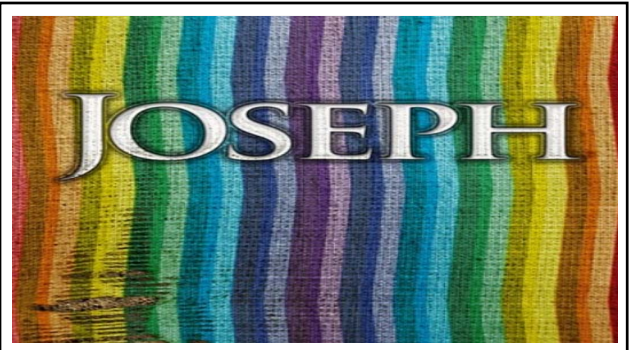
23 and saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph's knees. 24 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." 25 And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place." 26 So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.



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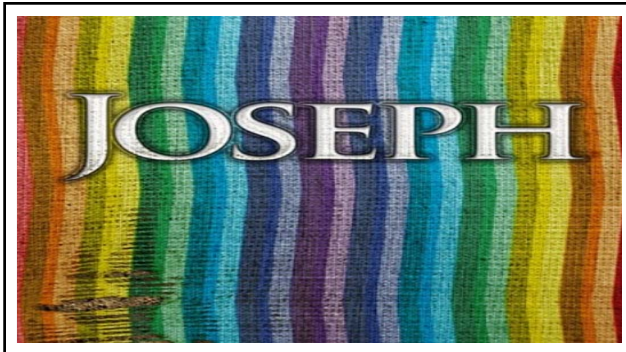
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3.) Joseph "MAINTAINED HIS FAITH IN GOD" even though he LIVED all his "ADULT YEARS" in a "PAGAN ENVIRONMENT"

Genesis 50:15,

"When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, 'What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?'"



Genesis 50:16,

"So they sent word to Joseph saying, 'Your father left these instructions before he died: This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father."

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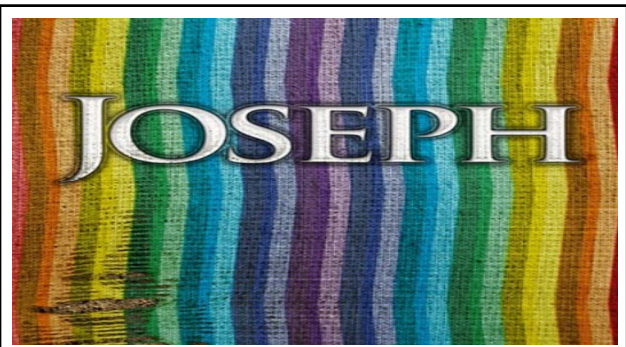
"When their message came to him, Joseph wept!"

Genesis 50:20,

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children. And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them."

1 John 1:9,

"If we confess our sin, He will be faithful and just to forgive us, and cleanse us of all unrighteousness,"



You see, God is either "THE GOD OF PERFECT GRACE", or He is "NOT GOD!" Grace "FORGETS", period! He Who is "PERFECT LOVE", cannot "HOLD GRUDGES". I believe in His "LOVING FORGETFULNESS!!" And, I believe He has a "GRACIOUSLY FORGETFUL MEMORY!!"

Max Lucado, Christian Pastor & Author

Psalms 103: 12,

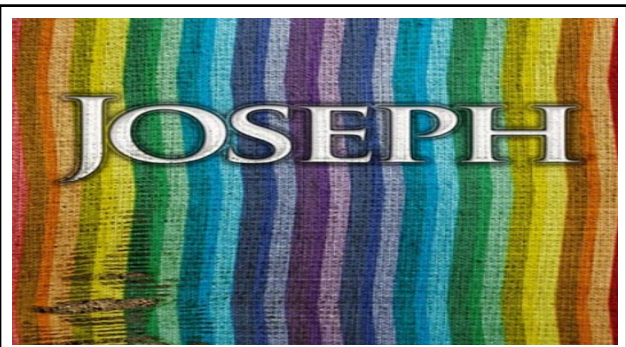
"As far as east is removed from west, so far have I have removed your transgressions from me."

Genesis 50:24, "Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land He promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob'. And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath and said, 'God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place.'"

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- When SOLD into SLAVERY, "God was with him...."
 - When FALSELY ACCUSED and IMPRISONED, "God was with him..."
 - When INTERPRETING DREAMS before Pharaoh, "God was with him.."
 - When DISTRIBUTING GRAIN during famine "God was with him..."

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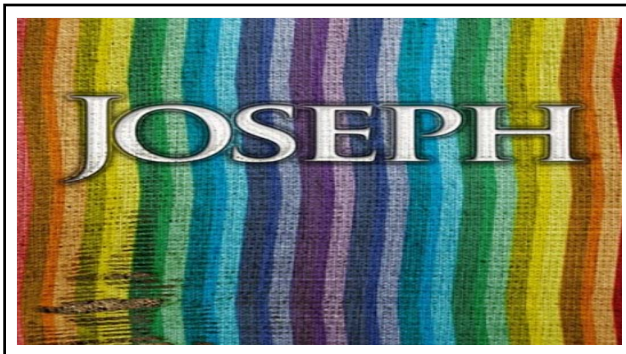
"So Joseph died at the age of 110. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt."



2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1,

“Therefore, do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.

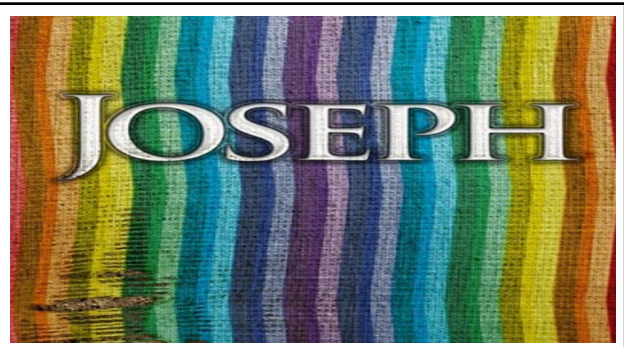
For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in Heaven, not built by human hands.”



- When he “ABUSED” he did not “RETALIATE”
- When he was “TEMPTED” he did not “YIELD”
- When he “PROSPERED” he did not “FUMBLE”
- When he “AGED” he did not “COAST”

Philippians 2: 8,

“HE WAS FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH,
EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.”



Revelation 2:10,

“HE WHO REMAINS FAITHFUL UNTIL DEATH; TO HIM, I WILL GIVE THE CROWN OF LIFE!”

