

What Would You Do?

(Week 8: Joseph)

SUNDAY

What would you do if you knew someone was doing something wrong? This is what Joseph did:

Genesis 37:2b

What is the first thing you should try to do when someone is doing something wrong? Run and tell on them, or talk to them about it first?

Do we know if Joseph did or did not try to talk to them first?

What should you do if they do not listen?

Should you try to get an adult to help (even if the ones doing wrong will be mad at you)?

MONDAY

What would you do if you had a favorite person in your family? This is what Joseph's father did:

Genesis 37:3,4

How do you think this made Joseph feel?

How do you think this made Joseph's 11 brothers feel?

Do you think this was a good idea or a bad one?

Did Jacob learn a lesson from how his parents had treated Esau and him?

TUESDAY

What would you do if you knew you were not the favorite (child, student, anything)? This is what Joseph's brothers did:

Genesis 37:4

Was this right?

WEDNESDAY

*What would you do if you knew **you were** the favorite (child, student, anything)? This is what Joseph did:*

Genesis 37:5

Genesis 37:9

Was it true that he had these dreams?

Did he need to tell these dreams to anyone?

Is it sometimes better to keep some things to ourselves, or wait for a better time?

Sometimes we need to tell people things they do not want to hear. Do you think this was one of those times?

THURSDAY

What would you do if you were sold as a slave to a different country--by your own family?! This is what Joseph did:

Genesis 39:2-4

You wouldn't be sold as a slave by your family, but are you ever treated unfairly by anyone?

Do you make the best of bad situations?

Why do you think Joseph prospered in Egypt?

Do you think he felt betrayed? Afraid?

What kind of attitude do you think Joseph must have had for Potiphar to put him in charge of his whole household?

How do you think he was able to keep a positive attitude?

FRIDAY

What would you do if someone told you an ugly lie about someone else? This is what Potiphar did:

Genesis 39:19, 20a

Who do you think had a better record for telling the truth? Joseph or Potiphar's wife?

Does everyone tell the truth? Should we believe everyone?

Whom can we always believe?

SATURDAY

What would you do if someone told an ugly lie about you to your best friend and your best friend believed it? This is what Joseph did:

Genesis 39:20b-22

Why do you think Joseph was able to prosper in prison?

What do you think Joseph's attitude was?

Would the warden have put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners and all that was done in prison if Joseph had a bad attitude?

Do you suppose Joseph knew that the LORD was going to take care of him--even in a foreign country' prison?

What Would You Do?

(Week nine: Joseph in Egypt: more dreams!)

SUNDAY

What would you do if you had something happen to you identical to the very thing that got you in trouble in the first place? This is what Joseph did:

Genesis 40:7,8

Do you think Joseph had learned that there are times to give information and times not to give information?

Is there a difference in what Joseph was doing with their dreams and what he had done with his own?

MONDAY

What would you do if the person you helped did not help you when you needed it most? This is what Joseph did:

Genesis 41:14-16

Sometimes when things go badly for people, they become angry with God. Had some things gone badly for Joseph?

Does it sound like Joseph is angry with God?

If Joseph had been angry with God, do you think he would have been able to interpret the dream for Pharaoh?

TUESDAY

What would you do if you were asked to help someone even though in the past you got no thanks, or even got into trouble when you did help people? This is what Joseph did:

Genesis 41:25

WEDNESDAY

What would you do if you were suddenly put in charge of the whole world (with only one person higher than you)? This is what Joseph did:

Genesis 41

Genesis 41:56,57

*What prepared Joseph for being **in charge** of feeding the world?*

What if Joseph had never been sold and taken to Egypt?

Even though God brought great good from the evil done against Joseph, does that mean it was ok for Joseph's brothers and Potiphar's wife to mistreat him?

What did the hard times do for Joseph's attitude? Did they make him proud or humble?

Someone has said that when we have hard times, we have a choice to make: We can either be angry with God and be like an egg in boiling water which will turn hard, or we can trust God and be like a

potatoe in boiling water which will turn soft. When it comes to our attitudes toward God, a soft attitude is better than a hard attitude!

THURSDAY

What would you do if the people who hurt you most came to you for help? This is what Joseph did:

Genesis 45:4,5

Does this sound like Joseph had forgiven his brothers?

Is it easy to not want to punish someone for hurting us?

Is it best to forgive? Who can help us do this?

Joseph was a ruler in Egypt for 14 years. We do not read that he ever went to find his family or to tell his father he was ok. What do you think about that? What could some of the reasons be?

FRIDAY

What would you do if you found out that someone was actually alive and well that you loved very much, and you thought had died? This is what Israel (Jacob) did:

Genesis 46:1

The Bible does not say, but does it sound like Jacob may have drifted somewhat from his faith in God--perhaps because of what happened to Joseph? This refers to God as the God of Jacob's father Isaac rather than his own God.

Genesis 46:2-4

Do you think it is possible that the Lord could have told Israel (Jacob)

earlier that his son, Joseph, was still alive?

Why do you think He waited so long?

Do you think Israel (Jacob) was listening to God all that time?

SATURDAY

What would you do if you had one more chance to get even with the people who had hurt you most?

Genesis 50:15, 19-21

Do you think this was easy for Joseph to do?

Can God's love fill our hearts so much that forgiving is easy?