

# Joseph

## life in a canyon



When you can't see ahead, look up.

Series: *Joseph #3* Noah Largent 10/4/15

**God's goodness in the story of Joseph and how we can respond to it.**

### Genesis 41:56 - 42:26

When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. <sup>57</sup> And all the world came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe everywhere...

**Hebrews 12:5-8** "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, <sup>6</sup> because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son."<sup>7</sup> Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? <sup>8</sup> If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.

*"Joseph, the rejected Jew, was exalted to become the only savior for a starving world. Anyone who was hungry could go to Joseph for food. Likewise, Jesus, a rejected Jew, is the only savior for a world that is hungry and can go to him for food and find "God's abundant provision of grace and the gift of righteousness".*

—Discovering Jesus in the Old Testament, by Nancy Guthrie pg.86

Similarities	Joseph	Jesus
Both are the most loved of their fathers.	Genesis 37:3	Matthew 3:17, 12:18
Joseph's brothers did not recognize him. Jesus' own people didn't either.	Genesis 42:8	John 1:10
Both were falsely accused.	Genesis 39:11-20	Matthew 26:59-61
Both were cut off from their families but became the path of salvation for them.	Genesis 41:57	John 3:26

1. Joseph and his brothers, only a few generations removed from Abraham, already show serious signs of division. But God does not abandon them.
2. Joseph demonstrates forgiveness but has not forgotten his brothers treachery. It is following the demonstration of change that Joseph initiates reconciliation.
3. Through the example of Joseph and Judah, God is pointing the way to Jesus.

John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Genesis 44:33 "Now then, please let your servant remain here as my lord's slave in place of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers"

*"God's timetable doesn't always move along as quickly as we might like. It takes thirteen years in slavery and prison for Joseph to be elevated!".* —NIV Application Commentary. By John Walton pg.696

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