FROM THE PASTORS DESK

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According to the bible, we learned five stages that Joseph passed on his way to the highest position.

PLOT:- this occurs when he had two dreams about his brothers and also this happens when his faithfulness to his father to love joseph more than his brothers

Results:- the brothers plotted to kill him(joseph) and lie to their father that a wild animal devoured him.

Lesson:- Your dreams/visions and faithfulness in the family, church family and even place of work can cause those around you to hate you and plot against you.

2. PIT:- God used Reuben (their oldest brother) to save the life of Joseph by advising his brothers, not to kill him but instead throw him into an empty dry pit, so that he could come back and tae him (Joseph) to their father.

Lesson:- God will provide a savior among your enemies, Reuben among his brothers was used by God to save the life of Joseph. God will use one among your enemies to save your life in your family, church and work place.

3. PORTIPHA'S HOUSE:- Juda adviced his brothers to sell Joseph and make money, when they saw an Ishmaelite caravan approaching which they agreed and Joseph was sold for 20 pieces of silver, The ishmaelites later sold Joseph to portiphar. The army commader in Egypt however God's favour was upon joseph and portiphars promoted him to the position of home manager.

Lesson:- you may be sold by people of your own family, but don't worry, God's favour and protection will always go with you

4. PRISON:- Portiphars wife wisted for Joseph but Joseph kept himself clean. When the women failed in her attempt to lie with joseph, she decided to accuse him falsely to her husband that joseph wanted to rape her. Portiphar threw Joseph in the prison where they detain the king's servant. All in all, the Lord is favour and protection went with him (joseph) to the prison and he was placed over all the prisoners to be incharge.

Lesson:- you will be falsely accused and imprisoned by your worldly master but the grace of God shall always take care of you wherever they put you, in cells. Even in our imprisonment, Jesus Christ is still the lord of all.

5.PRIME MINISTER:- For the plan of God cannot be changed by men, God had already planned for Joseph to meet the kings servant in the prison so that he (God) can use one of themas his mouth piece to speak to the king as his opportune time the two servants (the baker and the cup bearer) had each dream which require inter-relation joseph had interpreted for them their dreams correctly such that it came to pass as per his interpretation, later on when the man who survived treason had forgotten all about Joseph, the king got a dream which all his philosophers, wisemen and whichdoctors were unable to interprete. At this point when there was completely no who could interprete, the servant who survived treason and had for long forgotten Joseph, remembered what Joseph had done to them and had he had requested him to speak good to the kingabout him. This was God's timingin the life of joseph. The servant therefore broke the news about joseph to the king and it was at this time that the king ordered the release of Joseph and joseph interpreted his difficult dream correctly. Joseph was promoted to the procution of the prime minister hence fulfilling the plan of God in his life which had earlier been revealed through his two dreams:-

Lesson:- the plan of God cannot be changed by anyone /anything what God has revealed to you before, hand shall come to pass at his opportune time. You may pass though all that Joseph passed but one day you will arrive at your predestined place in and position in life. You don't have to worry incase you are undergoing any of the stages in Joseph's life. Our lord God will guide until the day is done. Praise the Lord!!