

7/20/25

Sermon – Joseph – Eternal Outlook (Week 4 of Pastor's Bible Hero's)

Scripture – Key Scripture: Genesis 50:20

Main Message – Joseph was forgiving under any and all circumstance because he trusted God above all things.

The next character in my Biblical Heroes series is Joseph. He trusted God implicitly and had a heart of forgiveness that is quite remarkable. He also would flee from sin, speak the truth and had prophetic visions and understanding.

- Joseph's Story:
 - Sold into slavery and imprisoned unjustly (Genesis 37:12-36; 39:6-20).
 - Remained faithful, serving with excellence in every circumstance (Genesis 39:2-6)
 - Forgave his brothers, trusting God's purpose (Genesis 45:4-8)

Look at the character of this guy. He is a guy that tries to be open, honest, and do everything right. He gets thrown in Jail for doing the right thing. He takes it in stride. He never seeks revenge. He helps out with interpretation of dreams. He gets forgotten. When he gets his shot finally, he gives God the glory.

Joseph has an eternal perspective. He spent years in jail wrongly, but he isn't bitter. He understands God's timing. He has patience beyond measure. His brothers sold him into slavery and lied to their father about him being killed and Gen 50:20 is really the amazing perspective that Joseph has that we should all have. He doesn't sweat the small stuff, and its all small stuff. I need to try to emulate his perspective. I'd slow down a bit, act more patient, see things from a more eternal perspective and allow God to work it out for the best possible outcome instead of me trying to force it to happen.

Read Gen 37 through the end. Just look at how God guided the whole thing to preserve life and to allow them to thrive when there was a terrible famine. Joseph was positioned to do all this even though bad things happened to him. He didn't know the future. He just knew that God did – and that was enough.

Let's add an eternal perspective to our lives and we might see purpose beyond ourselves.