

Joseph Trusted God Hebrews 11:17-22

The last 13 or so chapters of Genesis tell us his story
We remember

Was the second youngest of Jacob's sons as best as we can tell

Was probably less than 5 when they returned to Canaan

Favorited by his father and thus hated by his brothers

Sold to slave traders, at about 17 - **Genesis 37:2**

Sold again in Egypt

Rose to position of status, then falsely accused of assault and cast into prison

Rose again to position of status in the prison

Assisted some who could have helped him, but was forgotten

Finally remembered and called to pharaoh

Again placed in position of authority

Given great responsibility

Managed plan that saved the nation from hunger & death

Brought great wealth & power to Egyptian leaders

Reunited with family

Forgave brothers who had caused much of his trouble

Consider Joseph In Egypt

Unlike Abraham did not go freely, yet was sent to strange place alone

Remained faithful to God in all

Continued to honor God

Godly influence - **Genesis 39:2-3**

Business honesty - **Genesis 39:5-6**

Resistance to temptation - **Genesis 39:7-9**

Faithful in adversity - **Genesis 39:21**

Helping Others - **Genesis 40:5-8**

Honored God - **Genesis 41:16**

Forgiveness - **Genesis 50:19-21**

He did not know the reasons until his work was accomplished

Yet he did not waver

Lessons For Us

We often must act without full understanding

That action must be guided by our faith

We must place our trust in God

He knows what must be done

He will never lead us astray

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