

RCMI L-Path Teaching

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(English)

TITLE: From Pit to Palace (Joseph's Life Journey)

TEXT: Genesis 41:1-16, 25-40

BIG IDEA: Success is not defined by your situation or location. Wherever, or whatever our circumstances are, success is available.

INTRO:

- In today's world, success is often defined by good situation, good career, living in a big house, having your own car, etc.
- People do not consider someone successful if things is not going well.
- But in Joseph's life, we will see that even in our darkest moments, we can find success as long as we have God in our lives.

Lessons from Joseph's life journey:

From **PIT** → **POTIPHAR** → **PRISON** → **PALACE**

- The **PIT** is the darkest moment of Joseph's life. Being betrayed by your own brothers, even trying to kill you is probably the cruelest experience someone can have. But in Joseph's life, his darkest moment was the path to God's wonderful plan. Same with us, if we are experiencing bad situations, understand that those situations are just path to God's perfect plan for us.
- The **POTIPHAR** is the place of testing. When things seem to be getting ok, Joseph was confronted with temptations. This experience is a test if he will overcome life's pleasures. Oftentimes, when we experience a good life, we get dependent on it. Forsaking what true riches is, which is the Lord.
- The **PRISON** is the place of character. Joseph's experience in the prison molded his character. He learned to be patient, to overcome the hurts and disappointments. This molded him to become a better person. Our life needs a molding place, a place that restricts us and help us depend on God. That's what prison meant for Joseph.
- The **PALACE** is the place of destiny. It was more than a dream come true for Joseph. This is where the ultimate destination is. This is the very purpose why he went through all those experiences, to prepare him for a bigger calling. Same with us, we might not know it right now. But as we let God move in our lives, He will bring us to our greatest calling in our life.

One thing we can see in Joseph's life is **SUCCESS**. It is one constant thing he had whatever situation he was in. His success was not only seen when he was already in the palace. But even in the Pit, Potiphar's household (as a slave), and the Prison, he was successful.

What made him successful? God was with him. God was working His perfect plan in the life of Joseph. *Hebrews 11:40...God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.*

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What happened to Joseph was the manifestation of God's perfect plan. Same thing with us, God has a perfect plan. And He is manifesting that right now in our lives.

How does God's Perfect Plan manifest?

God's perfect plan comes in EXACT ORDER, RIGHT TIMING, and PRECISE EXECUTION.

- When Joseph was in the Pit, it was not an accident that the Medianites passed by. That led to his path to Egypt.
- When he was with Potiphar, it was not an accident he was falsely accused of rape. That led him to Prison.
- When he was in Prison, it was not an accident that the cupbearer forgot about him.
- And when Pharaoh had a dream, it was not an accident that no one can interpret it and the cupbearer was there to remember Joseph.

In every stages of Joseph's life, God is executing his perfect plan. Same thing with our lives. God has a perfect plan. He is executing. We are receiving. We just need to put our faith in him and trust Him (trust is the action).

Conclusion:

God's perfect plan for us is never changing. No matter what is happening in our life, that is all part of God's perfect plan. We need to trust the process. We need to trust what God is doing. Only by trusting can we fully experience God's perfect plan.

DISCUSSION:

- What is the darkest moment of your life? How did that helped you see the plan of God in your life?
- Are you experiencing challenges right now? What do you think God is molding in you?
- What do you think is your Egypt? Your ultimate calling?