

聖經人物 — 約瑟

參考于弟兄 3 月 3 日主日信息 “『這些人是誰？』 (2) — 約瑟：『像主』的生命”

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主日信息大綱

經文：創 41:51-57；創 49:25-26；創 50:19-20；詩 66:12；賽 43:7；羅 8:28-30

背誦經文：神藉著困苦救拔困苦人，趁他們受欺壓開通他們的耳朵。神也必引你出離患難，進入寬闊不狹窄之地；擺在你席上的必滿有肥甘。(伯 36:15-16)

A) 他的_____成為他生命豐富的原因

- 他給次子起名叫以法蓮，因為他說：「神使我_____昌盛。」(創 41:52)
- 你使人坐車軋我們的頭；我們經過水火，你卻使我們到_____。(詩 66:12)
- ...全能者必將天上所有的福，地裏所藏的福，以及生產乳養的福，都賜給你。26 你父親所祝的福勝過我祖先所祝的福如永世的山嶺，至極的邊界；這些福必降在約瑟的頭上，臨到那_____之人的頂上。(創 49:25-26)

B) 他的_____使他可以為神掌權

- 「不要因為把我賣到這裏自憂自恨。這是 神差我在你們以先來，為要保全生命...神差我在你們以先來，為要給你們存留餘種在世上，又要大施拯救，保全你們的生命。8 這樣看來，差我到這裏來的不是你們，乃是神。」(創 45:5-8)
- 約瑟對他們說：「不要害怕，我豈能代替 神呢？20 從前你們的意思是要害我，但神的意思原是好的...」(創 50:19-20)
- 約瑟就在主人眼前蒙恩...並且主人派他管理家務，把一切所有的都交在他手裏。...除了自己所吃的飯，別的事一概不知。(創 39:4-6)
- 司獄就把監裏所有的囚犯都交在約瑟的手下...所辦的事都是經他的手。凡在約瑟手下的事，司獄一概不察，因為耶和華與約瑟同在...(創 39:22-23)
- 祂又使我如法老的父，作他全家的主，並埃及全地的宰相。(創 45:8b)

C) 他的_____成為萬民的祝福

- 約瑟積蓄五穀甚多，如同海邊的沙，無法計算，因為穀不可勝數。...56 當時饑荒遍滿天下，約瑟開了各處的倉，糶糧給埃及人；在埃及地饑荒甚大。57 各地的人都往埃及去，到_____那裏糶糧，因為天下的饑荒甚大。(創 41:49, 56-57)
- 約瑟遵著法老的命，把埃及國_____，就是蘭塞境內的地，給他父親和弟兄居住，作為產業。(創 47:11)

D) 他的_____成全了父兄全家

- 使哥哥們知錯悔改(創 42:21, 44:33)
- 使父親不再『抓』(42:38 vs 43:14)

E) 他的_____成為選民的保護

- 摩西把約瑟的骸骨一同帶去；因為約瑟曾叫以色列人嚴嚴地起誓，對他們說：「神必眷顧你們，你們要把我的骸骨從這裏一同帶上去。」(出 13:19, 創 50:25)
- 約瑟因著信，臨終的時候，提到以色列族將來要出埃及，並為自己的骸骨留下遺命。(來 11:22)

3 月 15 日週五小組查經大綱

1. 請參加聚會前重新閱讀創世紀 37 章到 50 章，請組員們花 5-10 分鐘的時間簡短複述約瑟一生中發生的一些重要事件；
2. 主日信息中提到了約瑟生命中的四個特點（豐盛的生命，掌權的生命，相愛的生命，信心的生命），在每一個的特點上，約瑟得著這樣美好的生命的關鍵何在？當約瑟被 神祝福的時候，他又是如何成為他的家人，他所在的世代，甚至在他以後的整個以色列民族的祝福？
3. 讀完了約瑟的故事，您是否對以賽亞書 43:7 和羅馬書 8:28-30 有了更深的體會？您對您曾經遭遇過的難處，甚至是目前可能有的難處，是否有新的認識？在您個人的生活裡面，是否也有過 神藉著外面的難處讓我們自己的生命得以成長，並成為別人祝福的經歷？

[聖經知識小問答]: 約瑟從被弟兄們買到成為埃及的宰相中間經過了多少年？

Bible Figures — Joseph

Please refer to Brother Yu's Sunday message on 03/03: "Who Are These People?" (2)
— Joseph: "Christ-Like" Life (<http://www.svca.cc/sound/20130303-01.mp3>)

Sunday Message Outline

Scriptures: Genesis 41:51-57; Genesis 49:25-26; Genesis 50:19-20; Psalms 66:12; Isaiah 43:7; Romans 8:28-30

Memory Verse: He delivers the poor in their affliction, and opens their ears in oppression. "Indeed He would have brought you out of dire distress, Into a broad place where there is no restraint; and what is set on your table would be full of richness. (Job 36:15-16)

A) His _____ became the cause of his abundant life

- And the name of the second he called Ephraim: "For God has caused me to be fruitful _____." (Genesis 41:52)
- You have caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; but You brought us out to _____. (Psalms 66:12)
- 25 ... by the Almighty who will bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. 26 The blessings of your father have excelled the blessings of my ancestors, up to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills. They shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him who was _____. (Genesis 49:25-26)

B) His _____ enabled him to rule for God

- "Do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life... And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 So now it was not you who sent me here, but God." (Genesis 45:5-8)
- Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good..." (Genesis 50:19-20)
- So Joseph found favor in his sight... Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority...and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. (Genesis 39:4-6)
- And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the Lord was with him... (Genesis 39:22-23)
- And He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 45:8b)

C) His _____ became blessings for all people

- Joseph gathered very much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he stopped counting, for it was immeasurable... 56 The famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine became severe in the land of Egypt. 57 So all countries came to _____ in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all lands. (Genesis 41:49, 56-57)
- And Joseph situated his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in _____, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. (Genesis 47:11)

D) His _____ perfected his father and brothers

- Caused the brothers to repent (Genesis 42:21, 44:33)
- Caused the father not to “grab” any more (42:38 vs 43:14)

E) His _____ became the protection of the elect

- And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you.” (Exodus 13:19, Genesis 50:25)
- By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. (Hebrews 11:22)

March 15 Friday Small Group Meeting Outline

1. Before the meeting, please make sure to read Genesis Chapter 37 to 50, one or two group members may spend 5-10 minutes to briefly tell the important events in Joseph’s life?
2. On Sunday Pastor Yu mentioned four characteristics of Joseph’s life (Life of abundance, Life of authority, Life of love, Life of faith), how did he achieve such kind of characteristics? When Joseph was blessed by God, how did he become a blessing to his family, his generation, and even the entire nation of Israel in the coming generations?
3. After reading the story of Joseph, do you have a deeper appreciation for Isaiah 43:7 and Romans 8:28-30? Do you have a new understanding on the difficulties you encountered in the past or even the ones you have now? In your personal life, do you also have any experiences where God has transformed you through your difficulties and made you a blessing to others?

[Bible knowledge quiz]: How many years passed between Joseph being sold by his brothers to his beginning as ruler of Egypt?