

# THE COMEBACK FACTOR

## **From the Pit to the Palace**

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### **The Story of Joseph**

#### **Genesis 39-41**

## **THE THREE RIGHT RESPONSES TO COME BACK FROM A CRISIS**

### **1. THE RIGHT CHOICES.**

Genesis 39:1-3 "When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. Potiphar noticed this and realized that the Lord was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did."

**The Right Choices come from a RESPONSE to your  
CONVICTIONS, not a REACTION to your CRISIS.**

Genesis 50:20 "You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people."

**Your response reveals your faith. A better response leads to a better comeback.**

Philippians 1:12-14 "And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters. that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear."

Philippians 1:18 "So I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice."

## **2. THE RIGHT CONSISTENCY.**

Genesis 39:8-9 "But Joseph refused. 'Look,' he told her, 'How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God.'"

Genesis 39:19-20 "Potiphar was furious when he heard his wife's story about how Joseph had treated her. So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained."

James 1:3-4, 12 "When your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him."

**Your present condition is not a stumbling block to your destiny. It's a building block for your destiny.**

**You have to pass the small tests to get to the big blessings.**

Hebrews 5:8 "Jesus learned obedience from the things He suffered."

Ephesians 2:6-7 "And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus."

**Destiny often comes disguised as Daily Duty. You'll never do the great things till you learn to do the little things well.**

Luke 16:10 "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones."

**Reward comes wrapped in responsibility.**

### **3. THE RIGHT CHARACTER.**

Genesis 39:6 "So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't worry about a thing."

Genesis 39:23 "The warden had no more worries, because Joseph took care of everything. The Lord was with him and caused everything he did to succeed."

**We are looking to God for favor, but God is looking to us for faithfulness.**

Mark 10:38 "But Jesus said to them, 'You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?'"

Proverbs 22:29 "Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men."

Ephesians 4:1 "Therefore I beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God."

**You can come back from any setback when you choose the right response.**

Memory Verse: James 1:3-4 "When your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing."

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