

JOSEPH'S TEST OF THE HEART

Genesis 42:1-9 NLT

When Joseph was 17, God gave him a dream where his bundle of hay stood tall while his brothers' bundles bowed down. This meant Joseph would one day be a leader and his brothers would show him honor. Joseph didn't know it would take over 20 years for that dream to come true or that he would go through so much pain first. In today's Scripture, Joseph is now the governor of Egypt, and his brothers come to buy food because Canaan is out of grain. They bow down before him—just like in the dream—but they don't recognize him. After everything Joseph lived through—being sold, betrayed, and forgotten—this moment must have filled him with many emotions all at once. God gave Joseph the dream long ago so he would know God had a plan for his life, even in hard times. Now that it was happening, it showed that God keeps His promises and had been guiding Joseph the whole time.

God's Plan Takes Time, but He Always Fulfills His Promises.

Joseph waited many years, but God's dream still came true. We can trust God even when we don't see answers right away.

Let God Handle Justice — Our Job Is to Keep a Right Heart.

Joseph didn't try to hurt his brothers back. He tested them, but he didn't take revenge. He trusted God and chose forgiveness.

Reflection:

What is something you are waiting on God for, and how can you trust His timing like Joseph did?



When someone hurts you, what is a godly way to respond instead of trying to get even? How can you let God take care of the justice?