

JOSEPH: "THE REJECTED ONE WITH A PURPOSE"

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. (Genesis 50:20 NLT)

INTRODUCTION: *Joseph was a rejected person and many injustices were committed against him. Lies, disappointments, etc. He was so rejected by his brothers that in the end they sold him; but he was rejected with a purpose. He was a dreamer with a purpose. If many would have been in his position, they would have been disappointed, committed suicide, or gone to alcoholism, or drug addiction. However, he didn't. Maybe there are people who are currently being rejected, but we all have a purpose. Shortly after Joseph was born his mother died. He was left alone among his brothers, who were from another mother. He was spoiled by his father, who bought him a colored robe, he had a different job than his brothers, and all of that aroused jealousy in them. In addition, he told his father everything they did to him and that's why he would get in trouble.*

JOSEPH THE DREAMER

- Another reason why he was rejected by his brothers was because he had something very peculiar: "He was a dreamer." He dreamed things that others did not dream and that caused even more jealousy on their part. What a problem! When you are a visionary person, you are a dreamer and you don't want to be average!
- When there is a divine purpose from God the path isn't easy. Whenever God has given dreams to someone, we see from Genesis to Revelations,

that it wasn't easy for anyone to fulfill that assignment, and rejection is part of it.

- **Joseph had a different mentality.** He knew who he was and that's why the people around him felt intimidated.

INJUSTICES THAT JOSEPH SUFFERED:

- His brothers beat him. They put him in a cistern and then sold him to merchants. Why? Because they felt threatened by his dreams.
- Sometimes our purpose threatens others, but we have to continue towards our purpose. No matter what happens, God will fulfill the purpose we were born for.
- What cistern have you been facing? While there are people who stay in the cistern of disappointments to cry their sorrows and don't want to serve; Joseph didn't stay there. He knew that God would make him a governor.
- Where have you stepped into that has made you feel stuck? Have you felt lonely and that no one understands you? There is hope, you were born with a purpose! Your life isn't over, it's barely beginning.
- What does it feel like to be sold? In our city, even if it doesn't show publicly, there is human trafficking of underage girls. If you somehow feel rejected, let me tell you that God has a purpose for your life. You are

not the only one who has suffered injustices in life, there is hope.

- They took Joseph to Egypt and Potiphar bought him. Sometime later they put him in jail unfairly, but since he had a purpose, God was with him because the Bible says that everything, he did was prosperous. As a slave or prisoner, he was prosperous.
- It doesn't matter what you are going through, we all have a purpose, and at some point, that purpose is going to manifest.

JOSEPH'S PURPOSE

- It doesn't matter what happened to you in life. God will make it work for good, as He did with Joseph. (Gen. 50:20) Also as he did with A. Guillermo and P. Dinora Jiménez, how God brought them together in their assignment to save many people despite all they suffered in their childhood.
- Joseph went through a very difficult process, but in the end that process had a purpose, which was to save many people.
- Don't ask yourself, why is this happening to me? But ask yourself, for what reason?

STEPS OF ACTION:

- **See yourself as God sees you.** Don't see yourself in that difficult process where perhaps you aren't being valued, look at yourself as if you are already in heaven.

- **Don't allow your past to define your future.** No matter what has happened to you, what matters is what is ahead. (2nd Cor. 5:17) Your future is bright.
- **Forgive in order to advance towards your purpose.** You can't live with resentment. Joseph didn't live with resentment, he cried when he looked at his brothers, but he did not hold a grudge. Forgive because we have been forgiven in the past, because we need forgiveness now, and because we will need forgiveness in the future. Above all, forgive so that you do not get in the way of moving towards your purpose.
- **Trust that everything will work out for good. (Rom. 8:28)**

CONCLUSION:

If you had been rejected or criticized and that had killed your dreams, it is time to forgive and focus once again on God's purpose for your life. Be like Joseph, who kept his heart healthy and did not let anyone or anything prevent him from fulfilling that great purpose. Nothing can change about the past, but you can change your future, if you align yourself once more with what God has for you.

SALVATION PRAYER: *Lord Jesus I recognize that I have sinned and that you died for me. Today I repent and ask for forgiveness. I give you my life and my heart so that you May be my Lord and Personal Savior, amen.*