



SERMON NOTES

Book of Acts

Acts 7 - History Makers

Acts 7:9–33

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JOSEPH

Acts 7:9-17 (NLT)

⁹ “These patriarchs were jealous of their brother Joseph, and they sold him to be a slave in Egypt. But God was with him ¹⁰ and rescued him from all his troubles. And God gave him favor before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. God also gave Joseph unusual wisdom, so that Pharaoh appointed him governor over all of Egypt and put him in charge of the palace. ¹¹ “But a famine came upon Egypt and Canaan. There was great misery, and our ancestors ran out of food. ¹² Jacob heard that there was still grain in Egypt, so he sent his sons—our ancestors—to buy some. ¹³ The second time they went, Joseph revealed his identity to his brothers, and they were introduced to Pharaoh. ¹⁴ Then Joseph sent for his father, Jacob, and all his relatives to come to Egypt, seventy-five persons in all. ¹⁵ So Jacob went to Egypt. He died there, as did our ancestors. ¹⁶ Their bodies were taken to Shechem and buried in the tomb Abraham had bought for a certain price from Hamor’s sons in Shechem. ¹⁷ “As the time drew near when God would fulfill his promise to Abraham, the number of our people in Egypt greatly increased.

Joseph was a type of Jesus. He was mistreated in a foreign land yet became the salvation of his people. Joseph served God in a godless and foreign land. He didn't have Jerusalem, the Temple or the Torah. God's Word was orally translated yet he stayed true to God.

If Abraham was famous for his FAITH, Joseph was famous for his DREAMS. Do you have a God-given dream for your life? Jacob had a dream (**Gen. 28**). Abraham had a dream (**Gen. 15**). Daniel had dreams! Joel said, “Your old men shall dream dreams your young men shall see visions.”

WHAT TO DO WITH A DREAM:

- 1. Decide It**—Decide if it is worth keeping.
- 2. Document It**—Once you wake up, jot it down or it will dissipate.
- 3. Discuss It**—cautiously with people who won't judge you or won't try to interpret it but will simply listen.
- 4. Discard It**— Not all dreams are from God. Keep the good ones and discard the bad ones. Don't over think or analyze your dreams. They are by nature irrational and illogical. No dream from God would violate God's Word.

MOSES

Acts 7:18-29 (NLT)

¹⁸ But then a new king came to the throne of Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph. ¹⁹ This king exploited our people and oppressed them, forcing parents to abandon their newborn babies so they would die. ²⁰ “At that time Moses was born—a beautiful child in God’s eyes. His parents cared for him at home for three months. ²¹ When they had to abandon him, Pharaoh’s daughter adopted him and raised him as her own son. ²² Moses was taught all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was powerful in both speech and action. ²³ “One day when Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his relatives, the people of Israel. ²⁴ He saw an Egyptian mistreating an Israelite. So Moses came to the man’s defense and avenged him, killing the Egyptian. ²⁵ Moses assumed his fellow Israelites would realize that God had sent him to rescue them, but they didn’t. ²⁶ “The next day he visited them again and saw two men of Israel fighting. He tried to be a peacemaker. ‘Men,’ he said, ‘you are brothers. Why are you fighting each other?’ ²⁷ “But the man in the wrong pushed Moses aside. ‘Who made you a ruler and judge over us?’ he asked. ²⁸ ‘Are you going to kill me as you killed that Egyptian yesterday?’ ²⁹ When Moses heard that, he fled the country and lived as a foreigner in the land of Midian. There his two sons were born.

Acts 7:30-33 (NLT)

³⁰ “Forty years later, in the desert near Mount Sinai, an angel appeared to Moses in the flame of a burning bush. ³¹ When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight. As he went to take a closer look, the voice of the LORD called out to him, ³² ‘I am the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.’ Moses shook with terror and did not dare to look. ³³ “Then the LORD said to him, ‘Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground.’

Three Keys to Victory

Possess Abraham’s faith, Joseph’s dream and Moses’ Obedience.