

WHEN OTHERS KEEP SETTING YOU BACK GENESIS 37-50

SERIES: *HOW GOD TURNS SETBACKS INTO COMEBACKS*

⁹ "Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him ¹⁰ and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt; so he made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace. *Acts 7:9-10 (NIV)*

➤ JOSEPH EXPERIENCED SEVEN SERIOUS SETBACKS

1. Joseph Grew Up In A Home Where He was _____ and _____ by Siblings.

⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. *Genesis 37:4 (NIV)*

2. Joseph Was Tossed into a _____ Rejection.

²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe--the richly ornamented robe he was wearing-- ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into the cistern. Now the cistern was empty; there was no water in it. *Genesis 37:23-24 (NIV)*

3. Joseph Was Sold Out for _____.

²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? ²⁷ Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed. ²⁸ So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt. *Genesis 37:26-28 (NIV)*

4. Joseph _____ His Personal Identity

³¹ Then they got Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. ³² They took the ornamented robe back to their father and said, "We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe." ³³ He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces." ³⁴ Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. ³⁵ All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. "No," he said, "in mourning will I go down to the grave to my son." So his father wept for him. *Genesis 37:31-35 (NIV)*

5. Joseph Was _____ to Take a _____ He Did Not Want

³⁶ Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard. *Genesis 37:36 (NIV)*

6. Joseph Was _____, Falsely Accused of Rape

⁷ And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸ But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. *Genesis 39:7-8 (ESV)*

¹⁰ And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her. *Genesis 39:10 (NIV)*

¹⁶ She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. ¹⁷ Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. ¹⁸ But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house." ¹⁹ When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. ²⁰ Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, *Genesis 39:16-20 (NIV)*

7. Joseph Was Forgotten by _____ He _____.

²³ The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him. *Genesis 40:23 (NIV)*

➤ WHAT MADE JOSEPH SO RESILIENT?

1. Joseph Depended on God's _____

⁹ "Jacob's sons became jealous of their brother Joseph and sold him to be a slave in Egypt. But God was with him *Acts 7:9 (TEV)*

2. Joseph Depended on God's Plan and _____

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid; I can't put myself in the place of God. ²⁰ You plotted evil against me, but God turned it into good, in order to preserve the lives of many people who are alive today because of what happened. *Genesis 50:19-20 (TEV)*

3. Joseph Depended on God's _____ In All Things

³⁸ And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?" ³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. *Genesis 41:38-39 (ESV)*