

Do you like roller coasters?
Why or why not?

The Sermon:

GOD SIGHTINGS™
LEARNING TO EXPERIENCE GOD EVERY DAY™

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Bible Reading: Genesis 37 & 43 [edited] NLT

Genesis 37 [edited] NLT

37² This is the account of Jacob and his family.

³ Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children ...

⁴ But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them...

⁵ One night Joseph had a dream, and ... he told his brothers about it ...

Genesis 37 [edited] NLT

⁷ “We were out in the field, tying up bundles of grain. Suddenly my bundle stood up, and your bundles all gathered around and bowed low before mine!”

⁸ His brothers ... hated him all the more ...

⁹ Soon Joseph had another dream...

“Listen, I have had another dream,” he said.

“The sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed low before me!”

Genesis 37 [edited] NLT

¹⁰ This time he told the dream to his father as well as to his brothers, but his father scolded him.

“What kind of dream is that?” he asked.

“Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow to the ground before you?”

¹² Soon after this, Joseph’s brothers went to pasture their father’s flocks ...

Genesis 37 [edited] NLT

²³ so when Joseph arrived, his brothers
²⁴ grabbed him and sold him
to [slave traders] for twenty pieces of silver.
And the traders took him to Egypt.

Genesis 43 [edited] NLT

[Some 20-plus years later ...]

³ So Joseph's ten older brothers went down to Egypt to buy grain ...

⁵ for the famine was in Canaan as well.

⁶ Since Joseph was governor of all Egypt and in charge of selling grain to all the people, it was to him that his brothers came.

When they arrived, they bowed before him with their faces to the ground.

Genesis 43 [edited] NLT

⁷ Joseph recognized his brothers instantly, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them...

⁸ although Joseph recognized his brothers, they didn't recognize him.

⁹ And he remembered the dreams he'd had about them many years before.

²¹ Speaking among themselves, they said, "Clearly we are being punished because of what we did to Joseph long ago.

Genesis 43 [edited] NLT

We saw his anguish when he pleaded for his life, but we wouldn't listen.

That's why we're in this trouble.”

²³ Of course, they didn't know that Joseph understood them, for he had been speaking to them through an interpreter.

²⁴ Now he turned away from them and began to weep.

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Genesis 37

High – favorite son in
a big, prosperous family

Low – sold by his own brothers
into international slave trade
/ human trafficking

Genesis 39

High – Personal Business Manager
to the Secret Service head

Twist – lust and lies in high places

Low – in federal prison for something
he did not do

Genesis 39-40

High – Executive Assistant to
the federal prison warden

Twist & Loop – foretells the fates
of two palace staffers

Low – forgotten and rottin'
in prison

Genesis 41

High – remembered by an ex-inmate;
gets a day-pass to the palace!

Higher – only one that can interpret
and propose follow-up to
the king's disturbing dreams

Higher yet – appointed second only
to the king

Genesis 42-44

Twists & turns – treacherous brothers
turn back up

Genesis 45-50

Highest – God saves the family
/the nation of Israel
through Joseph & his brothers

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Perspective #1

“That’s just not fair !”

Story from Pastor Randy Frazee
Oak Hills Church, San Antonio

Perspective #2

“At the University of Hard Knocks, Joseph majored in humility.”

ACTION STEP #1

Look for God at every turn.

Genesis *New Living Translation*

39² The LORD was with Joseph,
so he succeeded in everything he did
as he served in the home
of his Egyptian master.

39²¹ But the LORD
was with Joseph in the prison
and showed him his faithful love .

ACTION STEP #2

Look for God
in a Bigger Picture

Genesis *New Living Translation*

50²⁰ 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.

ACTION STEP #2

Look for God
in a Bigger Picture

ACTION STEP #3

Look for God in
the lives of others

... like **Bible** people!

ACTION STEP #4

Look for God in
the lives of others

... like the people
around you!

ACTION STEP #5

Get ready for the ride !

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