

A MEDITATION ON CALLING

PART II: JOSEPH

I. JOSEPH'S TYPICAL BACKGROUND – Gen. 37

A bit spoiled, selfish and important. (Remember David at 17?)

Vs. 2 'Bad Report'- displeasing, sorrowful, harming

Vs. 19 'Master of Dreams'

A strong gift in a very unprepared vessel, in a dysfunctional family

II. JOSEPH'S TRAINING & PREPARATION – Gen. 39, 40

Getting humbled changes perspective (from me to God)

Betrayal in face on service gets 'me' out of the way

Ever feel forgotten and alone?

Point: God's plan too important to play little games

III. JOSEPH'S FULFILLMENT COMES – Gen. 41

He is a changed man (not a boy) – Now fears God, not man

His diligence in boring routine now pays off

His skills and gifts blend into the calling

IV. GOD'S GREATER PURPOSE – Gen. 45, 50

Always both corporate and personal

Remember: it's all about Jesus, not me

It takes time to learn this, then the discovery and release

Romans 8: 26-30 Heaven's perspective needs to be ours