

IV. SURRENDER THE **REVENGE**

“Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.” Romans 12:19

“Do not say, “I will recompense evil”; Wait for the LORD, and He will save you.” Proverbs 20:22

“It is God who avenges me, And subdues the peoples under me;” Psalms 18:47

V. **FORGIVE** THE OFFENDERS

“bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.” Colossians 3:13

A. Because you **understand** what Christ did for you.

“Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.” John 13:7

VI. CONTINUE TO **TRUST** HIM WITH YOUR LIFE

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

JOSEPH – FROM PIT TO PINNACLE
What To Do When You Are Stabbed In The Back
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INTRODUCTION

A. Discover how Joseph from the Old Testament went from the pit of disappointment to the pinnacle of success and how God can do the same in your life. This six part series features the following messages:

Aug 16 What To Do On The Worst Day Of Your Life
Aug 23 What To Do When Temptation Comes Knocking
TODAY What To Do When You Are Stabbed In The Back
Sep 6 What To Do When You Feel Forgotten
Sep 13 What To Do When It All Goes Wrong
Sep 20 What To Do When You Are Back On Top

B. **TEXT:** Genesis 39:13-20(Pew Bible/Pg. 34/Old Testament)

C. The story and history of Joseph is just as important to understand as the single events in his life. And throughout his life we see a consistent attribute within Joseph: **INTEGRITY.**

Integrity and integral both come from the same Greek word, *integer*, meaning “whole”.

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WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE STABBED IN THE BACK

I. BUILD UP YOUR **REPUTATION** BEFORE YOU GET HURT.

“And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand.”

Genesis 39:3

“Then Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king’s prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison.”

Genesis 39:20

“A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.”

Proverbs 22:1

A. Understand you will have your **ups** and **downs**.

“I To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:

3...A time to break down, And a time to build up;

4 A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance;”

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 3b-4

B. Understand that these tests **fortify** your integrity.

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,”

James 1:2

“But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.”

Job 23:10

C. Stand **firm** no matter how hard it is.

“So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her.”

Genesis 39:10

II. SEE THE **VALUE** OF YOUR INTEGRITY

A. Realize **who** you are representing.

“Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”

II Corinthians 5:20

B. Understand **why** you are representing them.

“8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

C. Be honest about **how** effective you are for them.

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

II Timothy 2:15

III. **AVOID** IT IF YOU CAN, BUT DON’T **ABANDON** GOD IF YOU CAN’T

“...But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.”

Genesis 39:12b

“21 But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph’s hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing.”

Genesis 39:21-22