

## Joseph's Journey: Mistreated, Not Defeated

**FAMILY DOESN'T always treat you right.** Favoritism, sibling rivalry, competition, manipulation, deception; they are all there in Joseph's family. We might doubt that God could or would work through such a mess. Or maybe God would work in a Bible family, but not our family. Remember that while Joseph was experiencing his problems he had no guarantee that things were going to work out. Whether he was treated well or badly, Joseph steadily did what was right. It didn't matter what others around him were doing. His concern when being seduced by Potiphar's wife, was that this would be a "sin against God." His changeless integrity led him to literally run from sin.

**Life doesn't always treat you right.** False accusation and imprisonment might be enough to make you want to fold. Obviously Joseph was discouraged in that jail. He was forgotten, but not by God. He had more faith than self-pity.

**God does treat you right.** In time Joseph was not only blessed, but became a blessing. He saved Egypt. He saved his family. He was vindicated. But that was at the end. For large stretches of life it looked like Joseph had lost. His story is compressed into a few dramatic chapters, but it took a lifetime to play out. It took years before Joseph could declare through joyous tears to his brothers who had previously betrayed him, ***"Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but GOD intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives"*** (Gen. 50:19-20).

Joseph wasn't in denial. People had treated him badly. God had treated him right. Joseph knew he had been used by God to bless others. His heart was full, his joy complete.

*Mark*

--"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

--"Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men."

--"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

--"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

## Upcoming Preparations for VBS

### June 25, Noon- Prepare Crafts –see Laura

July 5, Wed 7 PM – VBS fliers door-to-door

July 9, Noon- "Clean-up Day" after Worship

July 12, Wed 7 PM – VBS fliers door-to-door

July 15, Sat, 9 AM- "Decoration Day"

July 16, 6:30 PM- Show up early first night

**July 16, 7 PM- VBS Starts!**



**TODAY is an ITALIAN STYLE POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Right after Worship Service. Team 3 has set-up and clean-up.

**TODAY: We will be helping to prepare crafts for VBS after the Fellowship Meal**

**VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED for VBS!!** Please see Laura if you are able teach a Bible lesson, help with crafts, or supervise the nursery. **Please remember all volunteers must also have a completed background check prior to VBS.**

**Cathedral Kitchen:** We will be serving on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please see Vivian.

## Haircuts for Missions: July 8<sup>th</sup>

Graduation Celebration on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> for all of our graduates. We will honor the graduates downstairs in the fellowship hall immediately following the am worship service. For more info see the Churchill's.

**Our Prayer List:** Sandie Fabi's dad, Larry- health. Chris Schoener's mom, Pat- health concerns., Velma Purdue, Pam Goen's mother, Josephine Young and Anne Pollack also need prayer as they deal with the challenges of old age, "Eslly" in Honduras.

### Today's Worship Leaders

**Worship Leader:** Gerry Hogan

**Welcome & Scripture:** Tate Perazzelli (Psalm 47:1-9)

**Opening Prayer:** Scott Schoener

**Lord's Supper:** Tony Jr., Rich Fabi, Darren McEntire, Ed Francoeur

**Scripture Before Message** Jiony Colon (John 20:30-31)

**Announcements & Closing Prayer:** Rick Boyle

**Greeters:** Rich Fabi, Jack Swinehart, Sandie Fabi, Nawana Ceraso

**Nursery: Debbie & Elizabeth** Next Week: Marguerite & Jaela

**Red Cleaning Team** June 28-July 1 **Lillian** Coordinates

### OUTREACH/MINISTRY

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**Worship Total** ..... 130

Bible Class..... 77

Wed. PM..... 40

**Contribution** ..... \$2,408

**Budget Goal** .....\$4,260

## **15-Minutes Daily with GOD: 34**

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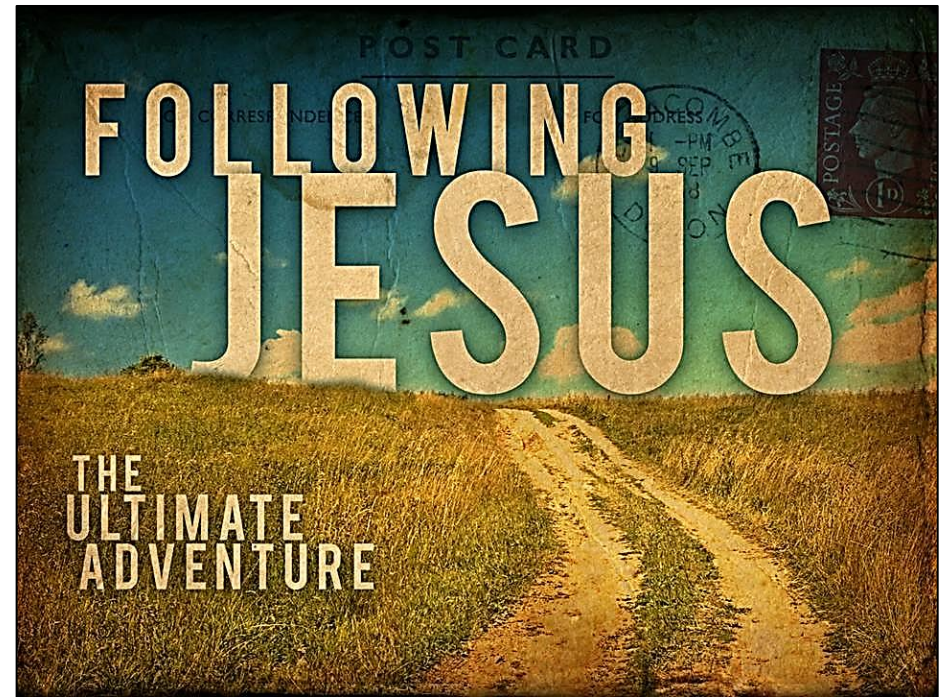
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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)



Small is  
the gate  
and  
narrow  
the road  
that leads  
to LIFE