

***Intro:***

Main Point of Text: God Personally takes Joseph through rises and falls to prepare him to be a great servant.

Sermon Point: *Your setbacks are steps forward.*

***Move 1: God lets people act wrongly toward you.***

Vs. 1: slavery. Vss. 6b – 20. He is put in a difficult position by his superior, pursued, attacked, stripped, set up, lied about, unfairly judged, and wrongly punished. See typology in Christ, Who was wrongly accused, unjustly sentenced, stripped, punished, and numbered with condemned.

***Move 2: You must continue to do the right thing.***

Joseph continues to do right: Vss. 8-9; 11-12 (great contrast to Judah). Joseph worked hard. Was trustworthy. God prospered his hands, but his hands were not idle: Vss. 3, 22-23. Like 37:2-3, 14-17.

***Move 3: For the Righteous God is always with you.***

Vss. 2-3, 5; 21, 23. God sent Joseph away from his father/brothers, but *He* never left him.

***Move 4: God is preparing you for greater service.***

Vs. 1: Joseph sold again into servitude. By Ishmaelites! Joseph first rules over his father's house/business; now Potiphar's house/business; next over the prison house. All preparing him to rule/run an international relief effort. You too are being trained to learn and serve. READ 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 12:7-10

***Conclusion:***

Acts 7:9-10

HP: *Your setbacks are steps forward.*