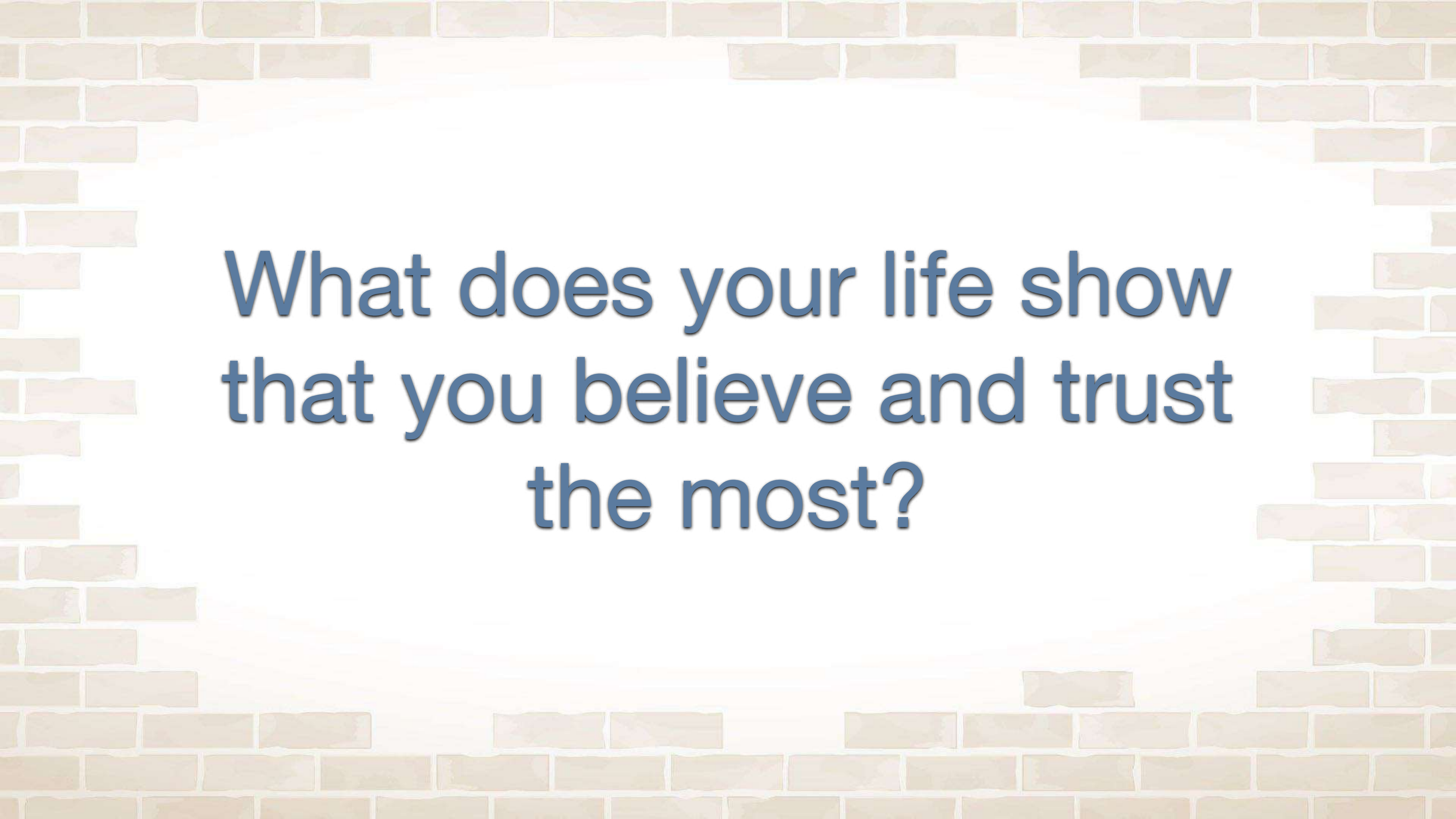




# JOSEPH FROM THE PIT TO THE PINNACLE







**What does your life show  
that you believe and trust  
the most?**



# **Self-Reliant or God-Dependent?**

**Genesis 47**



# 3 Standouts About Jacob's Life

1. Jacob the trickster is repeatedly trying to control the outcome of his life
2. God the abundant provider continues to give Jacob much more than he deserves
3. Jacob could get by on his own abilities for a short while but ultimately, if left to his own device, he would be left utterly out of control

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For most of his life Jacob is a type of an immature Christian who is always trying to manipulate and control their own life for selfish purposes.



**“You do not have to fight this battle. Position yourselves, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord. He is with you.”**

**2 Chronicles 20:17**



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# Why We Don't Delegate

1. We don't delegate because we fail to plan
2. We don't delegate because we are proud
3. We don't delegate because we lack a vision for growth



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# **#2 A GOD-DEPENDENT MAN REALIZES THE NECESSITY OF PAIN (47:7-10)**

**A. Personal failure can bring pain that pushes us to depend on God alone**

**“Let no man say when he is tempted,  
I am tempted of God ... But every  
man is tempted, when he is drawn  
away of his own lust, and enticed.”**

**James 1:13-15**



# **#2 A GOD-DEPENDENT MAN REALIZES THE NECESSITY OF PAIN (47:7-10)**

- A.** Personal failure can bring pain that pushes us to depend on God alone
- B.** People's foolishness can bring pain that pushes us to depend on God alone

Those who continually try to control their own life apart from God will have a life that is completely out of control.



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# **#3 A GOD-DEPENDENT MAN REALIZES TRUE PROSPERITY (47:11-31)**

- Once you lose that self-reliance and desire to control your own life true prosperity can actually be attained.



**“And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.”**

**Genesis 47:27**

# **#3 A GOD-DEPENDENT MAN REALIZES TRUE PROSPERITY (47:11-31)**

- While the surrounding society was in the throes of a horrific famine, while the economy and political situation was undergoing a major revolution, God's people were growing and thriving.



**“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you an expected hope.”**

**Jeremiah 29:11**

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