



JOSEPH FROM THE PIT TO THE PINNACLE



One of the most common refrains we hear from those who have reached the pinnacle of earthly success is that of the emptiness that stalks them there.

True Success

Genesis 50:22-26

Genesis 50:22-26 is striking for what it includes and what it doesn't include

1. It includes mention of Joseph's family, that he lived long enough to see his great-grandchildren, and Joseph's final words of faith and hope
2. It does not include any mention of Joseph's career or position of power in Egypt.



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#1 A TRULY SUCCESSFUL MAN IS UNINTERRUPTED BY FAMILY

- “And Joseph saw Ephraim’s children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph’s knees.” (Genesis 50:23)

**“The records of the
generations of ...”**

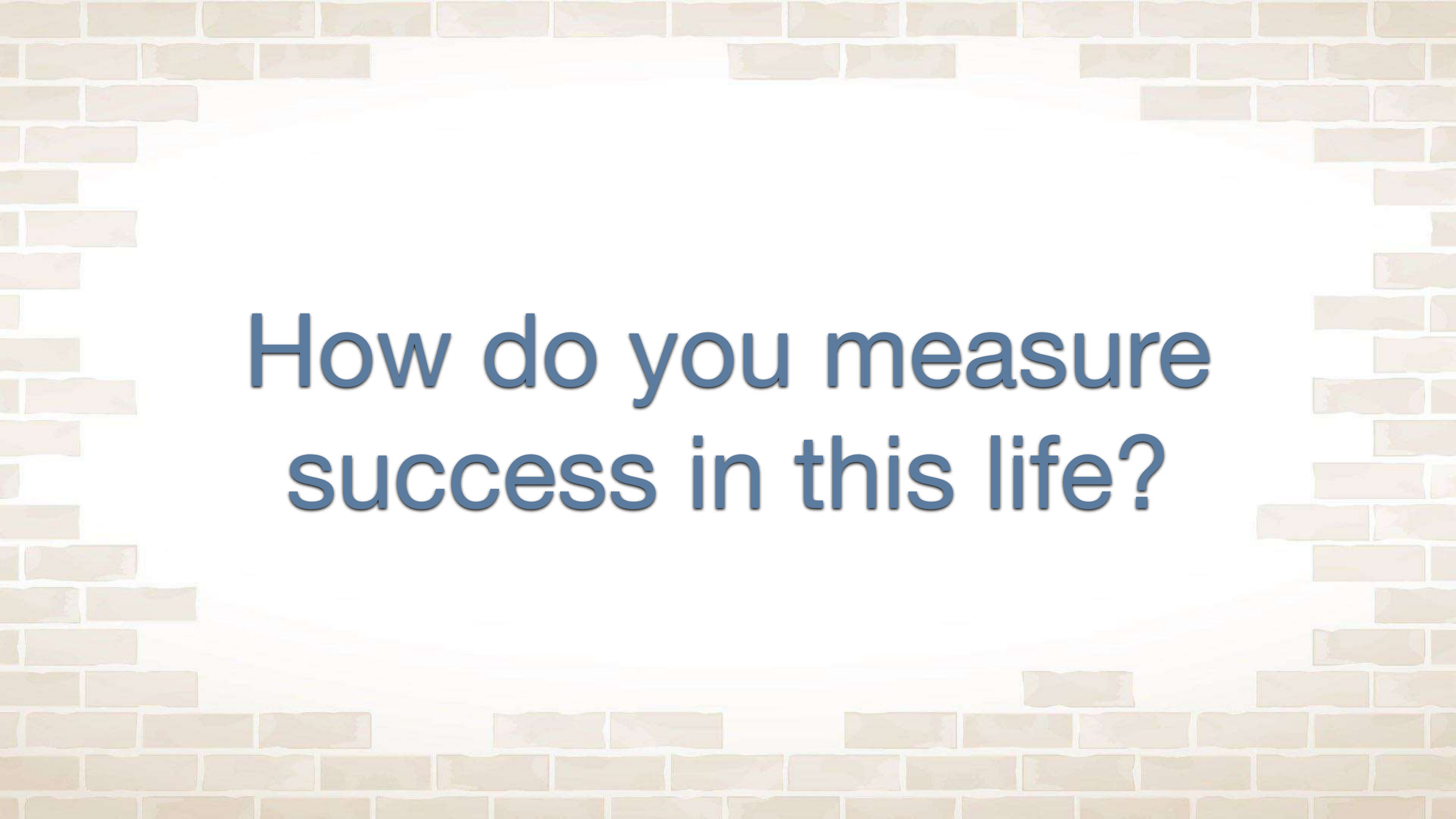
Genesis 2:4; 4:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10; 11:27; 25:12; 25:19; 36:1; 37:2

#1

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How do you measure
success in this life?

#2 A TRULY SUCCESSFUL MAN IS UNIMPRESSED BY WORLDLY SUCCESS

- It's somewhat risky to make a point out of what the text is silent about.
- But it seems that in this case, Genesis 50:22-26 is awfully loud in its silence concerning one glaring omission.
- There is not one mention of Joseph's role as Prime Minister of Egypt fo 80 years under 3 different Pharaoh's

Unbalanced Extremes

1. Some Christians completely separate from the world
2. Some Christians completely buy into the world

**“Set your minds on things
that are above, not on things
that are on the earth.”**

Colossians 3:2

#2

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#3 A TRULY SUCCESSFUL MAN IS UNWAVERING IN HIS COMMITMENT TO GOD

- A. The revelation of God's Word is the foundation of faith**
- B. The resting in God's Word is the force of faith**

“By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.”

Hebrews 11:22

**“God will surely take care
of you [*The Hebrew here is
emphatic*].”**

Genesis 50:24

#3 A TRULY SUCCESSFUL MAN IS UNWAVERING IN HIS COMMITMENT TO GOD

Doubt can stop you in your tracks,

It can drain away desire

Believing, on the other hand,

Can set your world on fire.

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“But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.”

Genesis 50:20



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