

# YOUR STORY: MORE THAN A POST

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## I. Story of Joseph - 5 Stages

### A. PROMISE - Gen 37:1-11

1. V1-4 - 17 yrs old; Favored by his father; hated by his brother
2. V5-11 - Dream (Promise) given — “IN” him
  - a) Hope, future, promise, vision
    - (1) Be prepared that whatever is “IN” us has to endure what may happen “TO” us!

### B. PIT - Gen 37:12-36

1. V23-24 - Identity Thief
  - a) Stripped - *pashat* - To strip off, unclothe or plunder; armor of a fallen warrior.
  - b) Colorful Coat represents the identity that the Father put on him
  - c) The enemy will try to do something “TO” you because he is afraid of what is “IN” you.
    - (1) Matt 4:3,6 "If You are the Son of God..."

### C. POTIPHAR - Gen 39:1-23

1. V1-6 - Successful Slave
  - a) The LORD was with Joseph! If we are “with” God we will be successful wherever.
  - b) **Core Value: We Bring Our “A” Game - Excellence Is A Reflection Of God**
2. V4 - Order of Promotion
  - a) **Progression:** With God, found favor, served with excellence, THEN overseer.
  - b) **Favor** - *chen* - Graciousness, kindness, undeserved favor or mercy
3. V7-20 - Potiphar’s wife gets thirsty
  - a) **Talent and ability can get you to a position but your integrity will keep you there**
    - (1) **CORE VALUE: WE LIVE WITH HONOR AND INTEGRITY**
  - b) 2 Tim 2:22 22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness...
  - c) 1 Thess 5:22 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

### D. PRISON - Gen 39:21-23 - King’s prison

1. The LORD is with Joseph - never leaves us nor forsakes us.

### E. PALACE - Gen 41:1-57

1. V37-44 -
  - a) Garments of fine linen; gold chain around his neck
  - b) What was “IN” him wasn’t affected by what was “ON” him.
  - c) **What is “IN” me is bigger than what is happening “TO” me!**
2. V50-52 - Is Joseph ready for God’s purpose?

