



BACKDOOR DREAMS: GENESIS 41-50

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I. The Story Behind Joseph Losing His _____:

1. Joseph's brothers stripped him of his _____.
Gen. 37:23-24
2. Potiphar's wife took Joseph's _____. *Gen. 39:12*
3. Pharaoh's servants took his old clothes and gave him _____ ones. *Gen. 41:14*

- God uses injury/adversity, temptation and _____.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:2-4

II. When Backdoor Dreams Come True – the Story Behind His Son's _____.

⁵¹*Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's*

household." ⁵²*The second son he named Ephraim and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering."*

Genesis 41:51-52

- Manasseh means "_____."

¹³*Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14*

- Ephraim means "twice fruitful."

III. The Rest of the Story of His Eleven Brothers – a _____ Happy Ending

- God puts the ten brothers through tests to bring them to lasting _____.

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Genesis 50:20

¹*This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: ²Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar . . . Matthew 1:1-3a*

My Next Step Today:

- ☐ Memorize Genesis 50:20.
- ☐ Bring a friend with me next week for Week 4 of PLAN B.
- ☐ Join a Sunday morning Bible Fellowship group.
- ☐ Thank God for "backdoor dreams."