

# Joseph: God's Training Program

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## I. Introduction.

## II. Joseph: a man who went through God's training program. (Genesis 37)

### A. The way up is down.

1. God used evil for good. (Genesis 50:20)
2. Joseph's training program was about 13 years.

### B. Papa's house.

1. Children need the input of a family.
2. Jacob favored Joseph and gave him a colored coat. Joseph is a picture of Jesus. (John 19:23)
3. Joseph's brothers were jealous of his favor and plotted against him.

### C. The pit.

1. Both Joseph and Jesus were sold for the price of a slave.
2. Jacob was deceived through the blood of a goat just as he had deceived through the blood of a goat before. He bore the consequence of his actions—there is a cause and effect.
3. Joseph was brought out of the pit and sold to Potifer.

### D. Potifer's.

1. Whether or not we are slave or free we are to serve the Lord.
2. God was training Joseph under Potifer as a businessman to use him in the future.
3. Joseph was tested by Potifer's wife and was falsely accused.

### E. Prison.

1. God finds us in the wilderness and helps us out. (Deuteronomy 32:10)

### F. Pharaoh's.

1. God gave Joseph two tribes in the land for his obedience.
2. The way up is down.

### Application questions

1. What does it mean - the way up is down?

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2. Was God's training program something that Joseph initiated or God? How do challenges shape the believer in discipleship?

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3. Memorize Genesis 50:30 and write it below. What attitude are we to have when people practice evil against us? Explain.

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