

Scripture: Ten Commandments (Ex. 20) & Series Joseph #1
Genesis **30**:22-24; **31**:17-23; **32**:6-7; 21-23; **35**:1-8; 16-20; 28-29
Singing: 261:1-3 – 324:3-4 – 161:1-5 – 383 – 398

Intro: Jesus teaching and example in reading the OT: John 5:39; Luke 24:27

A. Joseph's life is a brilliant foreshadowing of Jesus Christ

B. Joseph's story is Biblical counseling at best

C. Joseph's name means 'adding' (Gen. 30:24): *let that be our prayer!*

God's Early Shaping of Joseph

I. His early years II. His journey of grief

I. HIS EARLY YEARS

A. Joseph's unexpected birth (Gen. 30:22)

1. God 'remembered Rachel' (compare Gen. 8:1; Judges 16:28; 1 Sam. 1:11)

2. God foreshadowed Jesus in this birth: Luke 1:35; Heb. 7:26

B. Jacob's flight from Laban must have affected young Joseph

1. The fearful moments of grandfather's Laban pursuit: Gen. 31:17ff

2. The terror of Uncle Esau's coming: Gen. 32:6-7

3. The threat of the Canaanites' revenge: Gen. 34:30; 35:5

C. Jacob's family worship at Bethel:

1. The home-reformation witnessed: Gen. 35:2-4

2. The family altar restored: Gen. 35:6-7

D. How may this have affected young Joseph? Lam. 3:26-28

II. JOSEPH JOURNEY OF EARLY GRIEF

A. Three times young Joseph stood at the graveside of loved ones

1. First Deborah died: Gen. 35:8
2. Next his mother Rachel died: Gen. 35:16-20
3. Lastly, his grandfather Isaac died: Gen. 35:28-29

B. What did all this do to Joseph?

1. The insights of Gen. 49:22-26 (Ps. 146:3-5)
 - a. ponder about the arrows shot at Joseph: Gen. 49:23
 - b. ponder about his reactions to them: Gen. 49:24-25a

C. Joseph's story shines the glory of Jesus Christ

1. Jesus was made 'like unto us though without sin' (Heb. 2:9-18)
2. Yet all His suffering 'made Him the captain of salvation perfect'
3. To Him we are directed to go and look: Heb. 4:14-16; 12:1-3