



“Through It All, I’ve Learned . . .” – January/February 2024

Thoughts to Ponder

1. When Joseph was seventeen, he was despised by his older brothers.
 - a. After reading Genesis 37, do you think they were justified in feeling that way?
 - b. What did Joseph’s coat of many colors symbolize for him? What did it symbolize for his brothers?
 - c. Most teenagers have a “coat of many colors” . . . what was yours?

2. When Joseph is forced to leave his family, his favored position evaporates as life’s realities overwhelm him.
 - a. After reading Genesis 39 & 40, what crushing events did he encounter?
 - b. When you first ventured away from home to prove your independence, what was the first thing that made you cry?
 - c. Do you think Joseph ever wanted to return home during those years in Egypt? Why or why not?

3. "Here's a theme that runs throughout Scriptures . . . we might forget about God but God never forgets about us."
 - a. After reading Genesis 41, the cupbearer remembers Joseph: where is Joseph and what does Joseph remember about the cupbearer?
 - b. Have you ever been helped up by one who kicked you down? Explain.

4. Thirteen years elapse before Joseph and his brothers next meet.
 - a. After reading Genesis 42-45, how has Joseph changed during that time? How have his brothers not changed?
 - b. How do you tend to deal with those who have caused you great harm? How did Joseph deal with his brothers?

5. Describe Joseph at seventeen and again at thirty.
 - a. How were you like Joseph when you were seventeen?
 - b. How have you matured in a God-honoring way in the years since?

