

The Joseph Story

Genesis 37-50

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We all _____ to God and He has
_____ things for us to be doing.

The lower story which is the day-to-day
_____ of our _____.

The upper story is the revelation of what
_____ in and
_____.

The LORD was with Joseph and he prospered. Genesis 39:2

Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

Genesis 39:20-21

So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes he came before Pharaoh. Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

*"I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh,
"But God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."*

Genesis 41:14-16

Joseph tells them...he _____ them.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him because they were terrified at his presence! Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so he said, "I am your brother Joseph, who you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God."

Genesis 45:3-8

"What you intended for evil, God intended for good."

God desires to _____ every single one of _____
to _____ upper story.

Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all of his father's family. He lived 110 years. And saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir...son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph's knees.

Genesis 50:22-23

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those that love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response of this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all – how will he also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble, or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels or demons, neither the present or the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our LORD.

Romans 8:28-39

As followers of Christ Jesus...
that's " _____ " upper story!