

Connecting The Dots Between God's Control & Our Conduct

A Series Of Studies About Joseph's Life (Genesis 37–50)

Introducing Our Study About Joseph:

It's Far More Than A Lesson From History

Genesis 12–36; Romans 8; Philippians 2; Acts 7:1–22; plus more!

—“The patriarchs became jealous of Joseph and sold him into Egypt. **Yet God was with him**, and rescued him from all his afflictions, and granted him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he made him governor over Egypt and all his household.” —**Acts 7:9–10**

“God has revealed to us in the Bible that He not only created all things but He also preplanned everything that would happen in His creation. He both knows everything that has happened and everything that is yet future. He actively decreed every detail of this reality, and He is sovereign over all. But here is where the mystery comes in: even though God is sovereign, man still has real responsibility and freedom in the choices he makes. These choices are his; he cannot blame God for them. And they will genuinely affect and modify the rest of his life.” —**Ken Boa**

① Joseph's “personal history” begins with his great-grandfather, Abraham, who was _____ by God to be the _____ of Israel, the nation from which the _____ would come!

—**Genesis 12** God directed Abram to go & Abram went!

—**Genesis 15** God promised a son to Abram & Abram trusted God!

—**Genesis 18** God renewed His promise to Abraham & Sarah laughed!

—**Genesis 22** God tested Abraham's faith, asking him to offer Isaac!

—**Deuteronomy 7** Israel is God's chosen nation!

② Joseph's “personal history” continues with his grandfather & father, Isaac & Jacob, who were included in God's “_____.” The lifestyle of their families was seriously _____ by the _____ within the cultures where they lived.

—Isaac & Rebekah's lives were **distorted by deception!**

—Jacob & Esau's relationship was **damaged by deception!**

—Jacob's **treachery** was matched by Laban!

—Jacob wrestled with the Angel of the Lord & **his life was changed!**

—Jacob's **favoritism** brought grief to his family!

—Jacob's family dynamic deteriorated due to deception & evil!

③ **A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE to help us apply these truths to our lives:**

—1— We live in a world that was **created & is controlled by a GOOD God Who has PRECISE PLANS & PURPOSES** that fulfill His **WILL & lead to what's GOOD** for all those who love Him!

Our _____ God has _____ sovereign _____!

—2— Even though **all of us are sinners**, we have the **RESPONSIBILITY** to **TRUST Him & choose between RIGHT & WRONG!**

—God's **absolute authority** _____ Him to hold everyone _____ for their sinful _____!

—3— Even though God has **CONTROL** over His **CREATION**, He is **NOT in any way, RESPONSIBLE** for **anyone's sin!**

—God orchestrates all things to work together for good to those who love Him, to those who are called according to His purpose!