

The King's Speech

Joseph Prophet Imprisoned

Intro: The Story of Joseph so far:

A favourite son, Hated by his brothers Joseph is thrown down a pit, and then is sold to foreign travelers for 20 pieces of silver, they take him to a foreign land and sell him on as a slave.

Read Genesis Chapter 39....

Things had started to look up...The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered, put in charge of his masters estate, and everything was great for Joseph and those around him.....

Then **Disaster**...falsely accused of rape....thrown into prison...

But, The Lord was with him and he was granted favour and put in charge of the prison....BUT he was still for years a prisoner...who'd done nothing wrong.

There was something special about Joseph and people noticed it wherever he was.....

Working as a slave, or in a prison cell...

He stood out from the crowd.

He was a man of **Integrity**: A man of principle, trustworthy, reliable, and honest.

Wherever he was in whatever situation
(Mentioned in last few sermons)

What was the secret of his success?

Verse 2 The Lord was with him

Verse 3 His master saw that **The Lord was with him**

Verse 20 While Joseph was in prison **The Lord was with Him**

Verse 23: The Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

A young....Foreign...Slave....Not much down for him!

BUT his Behavior, Attitude, and Lifestyle, was Recognised and rewarded and he became the 2nd in command of Egypt.

Integrity and Character are so important, they are VITAL in our witness TODAY....

How do we shape up where we are?

In the workplace...in the community....in the home....

People notice, our behavior, our lifestyles and values.....

We are 'In the world but not of the world'

It's tough to be a Christian in today's environment...

Read Lyndon Bowring quotation.

Ephesians 5 v 3: *But among you there must not be **even a hint**' of sexual immorality, or any kind of impurity or greed because these are improper for God's people (No smell or taint).....It's a high standard*

What's our diet? What are we reading, or watching, or listening to, what places are we visiting?

Garbage in Garbage out....

Are we looking for success in our careers and families....

Well here's the key.....Matt 6v 33.....

Joseph knew the Providence of God and so can we!!

He was God's man for his generation...

God's prophet speaking 'Words of God' or 'Kings Speak'?

That's what a prophet is... An instrument or vessel used for expressing God's word.

It's nothing to be puffed up about, remember Balaam's Ass – check out Numbers Chapter 22 or Don Francisco song 'God could have used the dog next door if he'd been so inclined'.

Our generation desperately needs to hear God's words and He needs people like YOU and ME to be his mouthpieces in the places where we are in our everyday lives....living lives of integrity like Joseph.

You CAN make a difference. You ARE the difference wherever you go. Yes YOU and Me impacting for good or ?

No pity parties (*Adie's sermon*) you don't know what it's like for me.....Try this...

Rejected by family, left for dead, sold into slavery, falsely accused of rape, thrown into prison...

What's going on God? My dreams are in tatters...Where are you?

Don't give in or give up....LOOK UP.

ALL THINGS work together

Lost it? It's not over, Get back on track No condemnation

Pray.