

Announcements

Sunday, July 10, 2022

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MEMBERS HEALTH ISSUES:

- **Carol VanCleaf** returned to her apartment Monday. She has had a couple physical therapy sessions and continues to improve.
- **Patsy Holt** is slowly getting better. She attended Bible class on Wednesday!
- **Jenny Geiger** is home recovering from her recent surgery. She has a follow-up appointment with the surgeon tomorrow.
- **Chloe Blevins** is home with a sore throat and a bad migraine. She is watching online and requests our prayers.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PSD:

- **Makayla Liebknecht**, Retha Tucker's granddaughter, went to the cardiologist Saturday and received a clean bill of health. She can resume all her physical activities without restrictions.
- **Dave Thomas, Joy Thomas' son**, was taken to the Bethesda East Hospital where the doctors diagnosed him with pneumonia and high blood pressure. The doctors are most concerned with his high blood pressure given his history of diabetes. He was able to go home last night. The doctor believes he might be contagious for a few days. Dave sends his love to the saints here.
- **Vicki Simmons', friend of Cheri Feist**, kidneys were not functioning well, so she had a procedure on Friday (Jul. 8) which removed a lot of scar tissue and other blockages. The doctors are hopeful this will help her because it's part of what was contributing to her infections. To continue fighting the infections, doctors want to put her on a daily antibiotic medication moving forward.

TRAVELING

- **David & MaryAnne Rubright** are In Wisconsin until tomorrow.
- **Tom and Debbie Rauegger and family** are In Spain until July 12th.
- **Jeff and Julia Hunt** will be out of the country on vacation from 7/13 to 8/1. Pray for their safe travels.
- **Rodney, Angela, Austin and Ashley Rubright** will be in North Carolina and Tennessee from July 10 until July 18.
- **Peyton Gandy** is leaving for Indiana on Wednesday to visit friends. He will be gone for ten days.

COVID REPORT

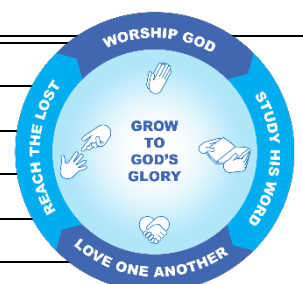
- **Mike Lodge** tested positive for Covid. He is experiencing minor symptoms.

SHUT-IN:

- **Anne Dickson, Geny Harrison, Lynna Davis, and Pat Steele**

DATES TO NOTE:

DATE	EVENT
Today	SIGN UP FOR HOUSE 2 HOUSE
JULY 17 – AUGUST 27	FALL SESSION FOR HOUSE 2 HOUSE
WEDNESDAY SEPT 7	NEW START TIME: 7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 23 – 25, 2022	FALL WORKSHOP WITH DAVID BANNING





"... pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord our of a pure heart" 2 Timothy 2:2

July 10, 2022 Fear God!

At the end of the Book of Ecclesiastes Solomon summed up everything he learned by saying, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Solomon gives us more insight into fearing God in this book. He said, "For in the multitude of dreams and many words there is also vanity. But fear God" (4:7). Also, "Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him" (8:12). The Proverb writer says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (1:17) and the beginning of wisdom (9:10). Fearing God is the beginning, the middle, and the end of life.

So how does one come to fear God? First, we must learn to fear God through observation. When we see His power in creation, we fear Him. "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast (Ps 33:6-9). Not only do we learn to fear God because He has the power to create, we also learn that fearing God means standing in awe of Him. Surely observing creation makes us stand in awe of God.

Second, we learn to fear God through the teaching of others. Ps 34:11 says, "Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord." Not only should we listen to those teaching us to fear God, but we must also treasure their teachings, incline our ear to them, and apply our hearts to understanding them. We should also cry out for discernment and lift up our voices to understanding. We must seek God's wisdom as silver and hidden treasures. It is then, and only then, that you will understand the fear of the Lord (Prov 2:1-5). When we read God's book, we learn to fear Him and be in awe of Him.

What does fearing God look like in real life. In Wednesday's Bible class we looked at Shiphrah and Puah, the midwives in Exodus 1. They refused to kill the Hebrew Baby boys because they feared God. Obadiah helped save one hundred prophets from Jezebel's murderous plot because he feared God. Abraham is another great example of someone who feared God. After the angel stopped him from killing Isaac he said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me" (Genesis 22:12). People who fear God obey Him unconditionally.

Joseph feared God (Gen 42:18). Job feared God (Job 1:8). Hananiah feared God and was faithful (Neh 7:2). The penitent thief on the cross feared God (Luke 23:40). Cornelius was a devout man who feared God. As a result, he gave alms to the people and prayed diligently (Acts 10:2). Fearing God leads us to be in awe of Him, which leads to us willfully obeying Him.

It also leads to great blessings. Prov 14:26-27 says, "In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death." Those who walk in the fear of the Lord have true inner peace!

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Sunday Worship Services

9 a.m. Lord's Supper Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Class
10:45 a.m. Praise & Preaching

Wednesday Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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JACOB FLEES LABAN (Genesis 31)

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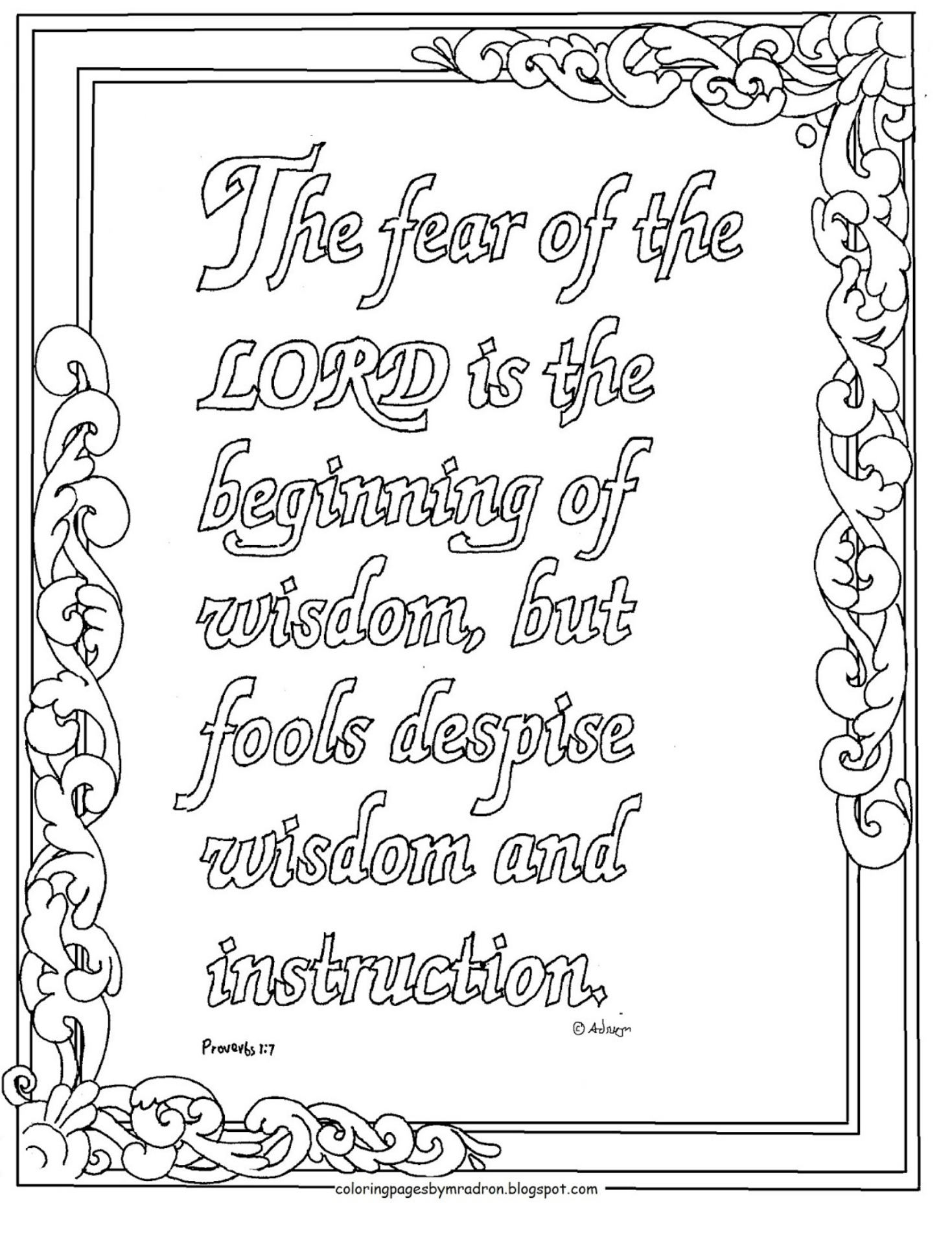
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LORD is the
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Proverbs 1:7

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throughout all the land of Egypt. 9 "Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph: "**God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry.** 10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. 11 There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for there are still five years of famine.'" NKJV

Joseph reconciled with his brothers the way Esau reconciled with Jacob.

Gen 45:25-28 Then they went up out of Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to Jacob their father. 26 And they told him, saying, "Joseph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt." And Jacob's heart stood still, because he did not believe them. 27 But when they told him all the words which Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. 28 Then Israel said, "It is enough. Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die." NKJV

Joseph heard Jacob credit God with his success and knew that his father would know that God was able to do

Practical Application

1. When you read a Bible story always go back and look at the background of the characters in that story. This will increase your faith in God and your confidence in the Bible.
2. Spend as much time as you can with your kids and grandkids when they are young. What they learn before they are old enough to go to school will make a big difference in their life. Not a second of it will be wasted!
3. Try your best not to rush your kids to school. There is a push by our government leaders to pay for programs that will separate you from your kids at a very early age.
4. Plan for mom to stay home with the kids.
5. Dads can either work more from home, take more time off, or take the kids to work with you when you can. It is much better that they learn from you than people more vested in the system than they are in your child.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

As a follow up to last week's sermon, on July 17th Brian will preach a follow-up lesson about how Jesus the Wonderful Counselor would help someone overcome depression.

Jacob and Laban's Last Contract

Lessons from Joseph's Perspective

Jacob taught Joseph valuable lessons

Gen 30:22-24 *Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. 23 And she conceived and bore a son, and said, "God has taken away my reproach." 24 So she called his name Joseph, and said, "The Lord shall add to me another son." NKJV*

- Rachel views Joseph's birth as taking away a reproach and giving her **hope** that she would have another son.
- Every time Joseph heard his name it was a reminder of high expectations.

Gen 31:10-13 *"And it happened, at the time when the flocks conceived, that I lifted my eyes and saw in a dream, and behold, the rams which leaped upon the flocks were streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted. 11 Then the Angel of God spoke to me in a dream, saying, 'Jacob.' And I said, 'Here I am.' 12 And He said, 'Lift your eyes now and see, all the rams which leap on the flocks are streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted; for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you. 13 I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family.'" NKJV*

- I believe this whole story started out with a _____ God gave Jacob. He tells his wives about it when he is convincing them that it is time for them to leave their father and return to his.
- The vow Jacob made to God was that if God would prosper him and let him return unharmed to his father's house, that he would give God a _____ of everything he owned.
- I'm confident Joseph heard this dream _____ times in his life.

Gen 30:31-36 *So he said, "What shall I give you?" And Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep your flocks: 32 Let me pass through all your flock today, removing from there all the speckled and spotted sheep, and all the brown ones among the lambs, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and these shall be my wages. 33 **So my righteousness will answer for me** in time to come, when the subject of my wages comes before you: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the lambs, will be considered stolen, if it is with me." 34 And Laban said, "Oh, that it were according to your word!" 35 So he removed that day the male goats that were speckled and spotted, all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had some white in it, and all the brown ones among the lambs, and gave them into the hand of his sons. 36 Then he put three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks. NKJV*

- Armed with the information from his dream, he sets up a deal with Laban to get all the spotted, speckled, streaked, and mis-colored animals from Laban's flock to start building his own family's _____.
- Joseph learned what living a _____ life looked like.

Gen 30:37 *Now Jacob took for himself rods of green poplar and of the almond and chestnut trees, peeled white strips in them, and exposed the white which was in the rods. 38 And the rods which he had peeled, he set before the flocks in the gutters, in the watering troughs where the flocks came to drink, so that they should conceive when they came to drink. 39 So the flocks conceived before the rods, and the flocks brought forth streaked, speckled, and spotted. 40 Then Jacob separated the lambs, and made the flocks face toward the streaked and all the brown in the flock of Laban; but he put his own flocks by themselves and did not put them with Laban's flock. 41 And it came to pass, whenever the stronger livestock conceived, that Jacob placed the rods before the eyes of the livestock in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods. 42 But when the flocks were feeble, he did not put them in; so the feeble were Laban's and the*

stronger Jacob's. 43 Thus the man became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks, female and male servants, and camels and donkeys. NKJV

- _____ blessed Jacob by making all the strong animals in Laban's flocks have offspring that were speckled, spotted, streaked, or discolored.
- As a result of God's blessings, Jacob became very _____.
- Jacob taught Joseph the importance of planning and taking the steps to _____ that plan.

Gen 31:4-9 So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field, to his flock, 5 and said to them, "I see your father's countenance, that it is not favorable toward me as before; **but the God of my father has been with me.** 6 And you know that with all my might I have served your father. 7 Yet your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times, but God did not allow him to hurt me. 8 If he said thus: 'The speckled shall be your wages,' then all the flocks bore speckled. And if he said thus: 'The streaked shall be your wages,' then all the flocks bore streaked. 9 So God has taken away the livestock of your father and given them to me. NKJV

- For six years Laban tried to _____ Jacob by changing his wages ten times.
- Jacob taught Joseph that God blesses _____ people.

Gen 31:38-42 These twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I have not eaten the rams of your flock. 39 That which was torn by beasts I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it. You required it from my hand, whether stolen by day or stolen by night. 40 There I was! In the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep departed from my eyes. 41 Thus I have been in your house twenty years; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times. **42 Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me,** surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you last night." NKJV

- Jacob taught Joseph how to _____ hard.
- Jacob taught Joseph how to act when people _____ you. You do the right thing when others do the wrong thing.
- Jacob taught Joseph that God knows how to _____ wrongs.

Gen 33:1-7 Now Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and there, Esau was coming, and with him were four hundred men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two maidservants. 2 And he put the maidservants and their children in front, Leah and her children behind, and Rachel and Joseph last. 3 Then he crossed over before them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. 4 But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. 5 And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and children, and said, "Who are these with you?" So he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." 6 Then the maidservants came near, they and their children, and bowed down. 7 And Leah also came near with her children, and they bowed down. Afterward Joseph and Rachel came near, and they bowed down. NKJV

- Esau taught Joseph what _____ and reconciliation look like.

Joseph benefited from Jacob's teaching

Dreams

Gen 37:5-11 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more. 6 So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: 7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf." 8 And his

brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words. 9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me." 10 So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?" 11 And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in mind. NKJV

As a seventeen-year-old Joseph was _____ about his dream because he saw firsthand how God fulfilled Jacob's dream.

Also, Jacob rebuked him for telling them his dream, but he kept those dreams in the back of his mind.

Gen 40:5-8 Then the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison, had a dream, both of them, each man's dream in one night and each man's dream with its own interpretation. 6 And Joseph came in to them in the morning and looked at them, and saw that they were sad. 7 So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in the custody of his lord's house, saying, "Why do you look so sad today?" 8 And they said to him, "We each have had a dream, and there is no interpreter of it." So Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell them to me, please." NKJV

Gen 41:9-16 Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying: "I remember my faults this day. 10 When Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, both me and the chief baker, 11 we each had a dream in one night, he and I. Each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his own dream. 12 Now there was a young Hebrew man with us there, a servant of the captain of the guard. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams for us; to each man he interpreted according to his own dream. 13 And it came to pass, just as he interpreted for us, so it happened. He restored me to my office, and he hanged him." 14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh. 15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream, to interpret it." 16 So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace." NKJV

The _____ of everything Joseph knew about dreams was laid in the first six years of his life.

Hard work

Gen 39:4 So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority. NKJV

Joseph worked hard for Potiphar and was made the _____ of his house. Joseph had authority.

Gen 39:21 But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. 22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. 23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper. NKJV

Joseph, following in Jacob's footsteps, worked with _____ and God blessed him with authority. Joseph learned from Jacob that God is the one who blesses.

Gen 45:3-11 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. 4 And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; **for God sent me** before you to preserve life. 6 For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. 7 And **God sent me** before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 So now it was not you who sent me here, **but God**; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler