

Walking in Faith Through Seasons of Doubt

Doubt often arises when someone gives you a reason to question their integrity. Broken promises and betrayed trust can end in hurt and uncertainty. In such moments, doubting is a natural response—a way to safeguard yourself from further pain. But you don't have to let doubt defeat you. Instead, it can become a catalyst for growth, transforming life's toughest moments into opportunities for personal development.

The Bible tells the story of Joseph, a man who experienced extraordinary highs and incredible lows—all shaped by the actions of others. Betrayed by his own brothers, Joseph's path in Genesis illustrates how to overcome betrayal, maintain faith and stay connected to others despite disappointment.

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As his father's favorite son, Joseph became the target of jealousy. When he shared dreams of ruling over his brothers, they attacked him, threw him into a pit and sold him into slavery in Egypt. Despite this betrayal, Joseph didn't allow bitterness to overcome him. Instead, he rose to prominence in Potiphar's house, only to face false accusations that landed him in prison. Even there, Joseph maintained his resilience, earning trust and responsibility.

Joseph's perseverance paid off when he interpreted Pharaoh's dreams, predicting seven years of abundance followed by seven years of famine. His wisdom brought him to second-in-command over Egypt, a position he used to save countless lives. But perhaps Joseph's greatest test came when his brothers, unaware of his identity, came to seek his help during the famine. Confronted by the very people who betrayed him, Joseph chose

grace over revenge, embodying forgiveness and showing that “people pain” doesn’t have to be permanent.

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The Depths of Betrayal

Joseph’s story begins with familial betrayal. Favored by his father, Jacob, Joseph’s dreams of authority over his family ignited jealousy among his brothers. They resented him so deeply that they plotted to murder him, ultimately deciding to sell him into slavery. Joseph’s journey from favored son to a foreign slave could have been the end of his story, but his faith carried him through.

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