



Rise & Build:

Reflections from the Joseph Story

The Theme in Joseph

Lessons in this study

Rubble of family trouble
 Rubble of finger pointing
 Rubble of forgotten promises
 The God who is with us
 Conquering a tainted past
 How to flip the chips off of your shoulder
 Better days ahead
 Lessons learned
 Fighting temptation
 Dealing with criticism
 Carrying the bones

One of the great impacts from the life of Joseph is seeing others named after this great man of faith. Two of particular interest to us are:

- Joseph who married Mary, the mother of Jesus
- Joseph of Arimathea, who allowed Jesus to be buried in his new tomb

The major lessons in Joseph's life: troubled family, forgotten, criticized, accused, at the crossroads of grace and forgiveness, using his position to help others—are the things of life, our lives.

A. A Theme found in Joseph's life and throughout the Bible is: **Evil-God-Good**

- Gen 50:20 "And as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good..."

	EVIL	GOD	GOOD
1. Joseph	brothers meant to remove him	brought him to Egypt	Saved a nation and a family
2. Job			
3. David			
4. Daniel			
5. Jesus			

B. Romans 8:28 is a great passage to express this theme

- who does this passage apply to? _____
- what is "good"? _____
- what causes the good? _____

C. How does the story of Joseph help you?

- It shows that we can _____ a difficult past
- It shows that we _____ what path we will follow and what _____ in life we carry
- It shows that even though we can be surrounded by unspiritual people, we can be _____ and _____
- It shows that God can use _____ to help others
- It shows that we can make situations _____ or _____
- It shows that _____, _____ and _____ are always the right choices in life
- It shows that in difficult times God still _____ us to honor Him and walk in His ways