

Joseph: Falsely Accused of Wrong

**BUILDING
BLOCKS**

SEARCHING FOR THE KING

“Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him” (Genesis 39:1). Joseph had been betrayed by his brothers and carried a **LONG** way from home, but “the **LORD** was with Joseph” (39:2). That didn’t mean, however, that tough times weren’t ahead.

“After a time his master’s wife cast her eyes on Joseph” (39:7). Potiphar’s wife tempted Joseph “day after day” to do what was wrong. But listen to the sort of heart Joseph had:

“Behold, because of _____ my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and _____ against _____?” (39:8-9)

Joseph did the right thing... **and what happened?** Potiphar’s wife lied about Joseph to the men of the household (39:13-15) and to her husband (39:16-19). “And Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison” (39:20). One of the meanest things we can do is lie about someone else!

But what does this have to do with our search for our King? Jesus knew what it felt like to be mocked and looked down on by others. Throughout **Matthew 9**, he was accused, laughed at, and lied about. But that didn’t keep Jesus from doing what he could to help people.

The most serious lies were told about Jesus when he was arrested and brought before the Jewish council (**Matthew 26:57-60**) and the Roman governor Pilate (**Luke 23:4, 20-24**).

Our King who came to serve others was lied about, just like Joseph. But that didn’t keep him (or Joseph) from doing the right thing, even when it was tough to do (**1 Peter 1:22-23**).



FOUNDATION STONES

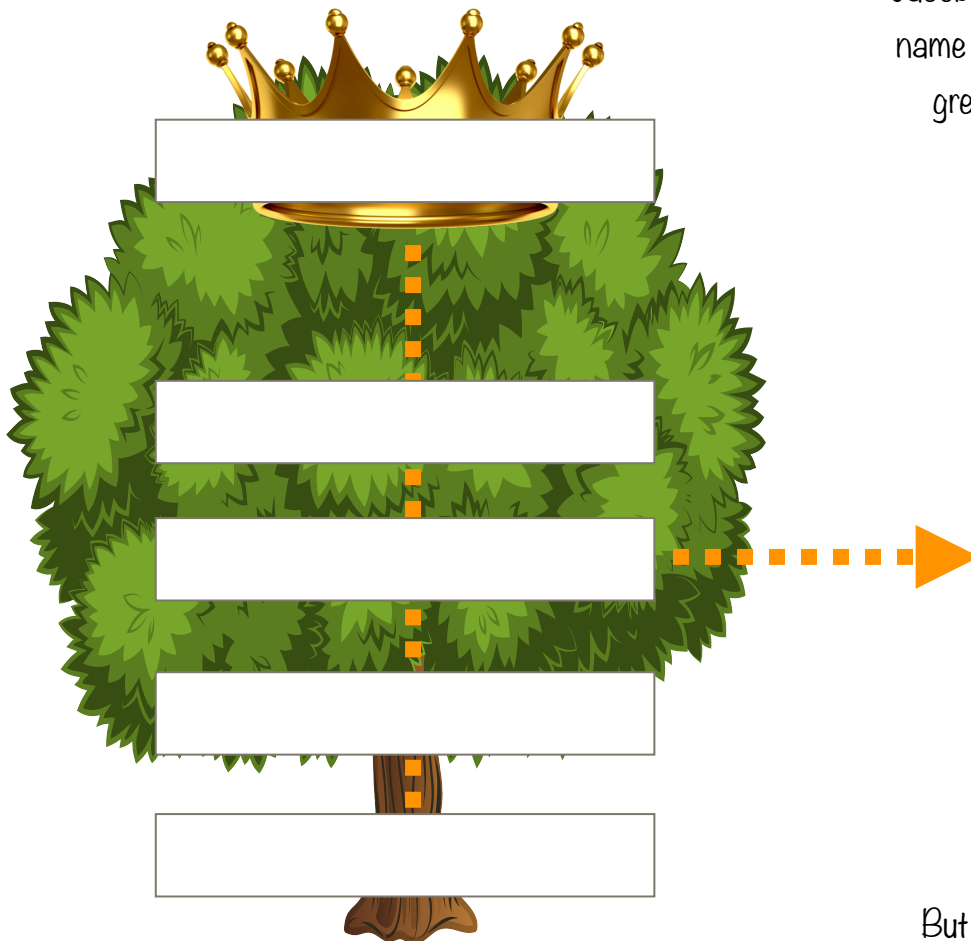


🕯 How did Joseph do the right thing, even when he was being tempted to make the wrong choice? There's a lot of wisdom in his answer in **Genesis 39:8-9**. Joseph understood...

- 🌿 "Some things don't belong to me." (**Gen 39:9**)
- 🌿 "God sees and knows, even when no know else sees or knows." (**39:10**)
- 🌿 "Sometimes, the bravest thing you can do is run." (**39:12**)

FAMILY TREE Building Blocks:

🕯 We're working on learning the family tree that starts with Abraham and leads all the way to Jesus, our King. Remember? **"In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed"** (**Gen 12:2**).



Jacob had 12 sons! Do you know the name of each one? That would be a great thing for us to memorize:

- Reuben
- Simeon
- Levi
- Judah
- Dan
- Naphtali
- Gad
- Asher
- Issachar
- Zebulun
- Joseph
- Benjamin

But which son goes in the family tree? Is it Joseph or someone else?