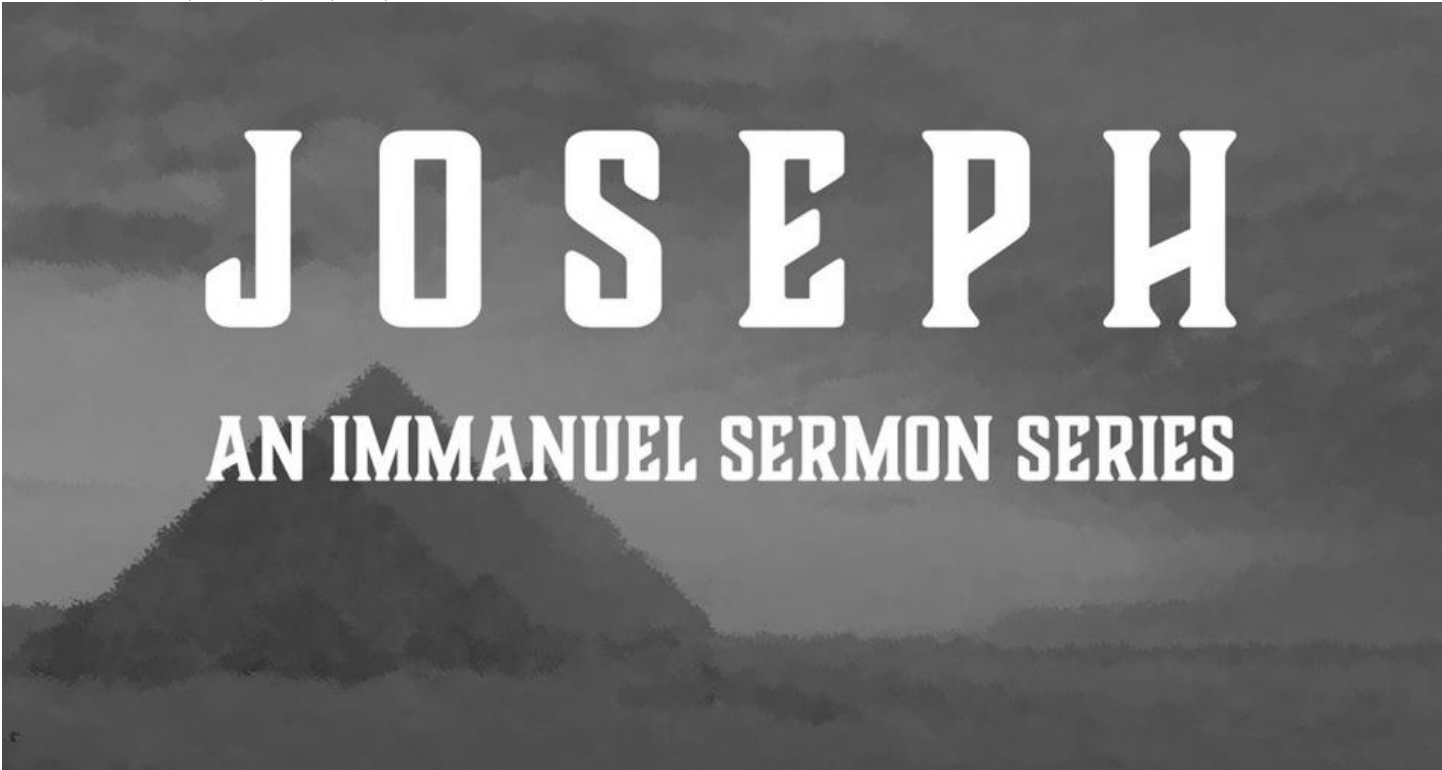




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GENESIS 46

The Providence of God

“We may define God’s providence as follows: God is continually involved with all created things in such a way that he (1) keeps them existing and maintaining the properties with which he created them; (2) cooperates with created things in every action, directing their distinctive properties to cause them to act as they do; and (3) directs them to fulfill his purposes.” (Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology)

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. (Genesis 50:20)

The Background (Genesis 37-45)

Joseph has experienced betrayal, a pit, slavery, slander, and prison. He has also experienced the blessing of God and an unlikely promotion.

Joseph tested his brothers, and the breakthrough moment came when _____ offered to take Benjamin's place in prison.

The Journey to Egypt (Genesis 46:1-27)

"Israel's" journey to Egypt began with _____ and _____ promises (Genesis 46:1-4).

The family of Abraham went down to Egypt as a new "_____" (Genesis 46:5-27 ... Genesis 10:1-32, Deuteronomy 32:1-9, Psalm 82:1-8, Exodus 24:1-18).

The Reunion (Genesis 46:28-34)

Judah continued to serve as the _____ of Jacob's family (Genesis 46:28).

After 22 years, Joseph and Jacob were _____ (Genesis 46:29-30).

Joseph gave his family instructions about how to settle into their new home (Genesis 46:31-34).

The Gospel

The covenant promise of God's presence was fulfilled in the _____, is fulfilled through the _____, and will be fulfilled in the _____ (Matthew 1:23, 28:18-20, Revelation 21:1-4).

_____ statement "Now let me die," was echoed in _____ "*nunc dimittis*" (Luke 2:29-30).

"Jacob's journey reminds us all that we never get to an age where we no longer have to trust God, or where we no longer have lessons to learn, obstacles to overcome, fears to face, sin to mortify, or journeys to take. Serving God is not a 'young man's game' where senior saints sit on the sidelines reminiscing about the good old days. This is a full participation sport, where as long as there is blood coursing through our veins and air in our lungs we must stand at the ready."
(Voddie Bauham, *Joseph*)