

When we are going through a difficult trial, we may not view ourselves as being “successful.” We might think that such a word would apply only when our trial is over. However, events that occurred in the life of Joseph teach us a vital lesson—Jehovah can help us to succeed even when we are in the midst of our trials. This article will explain how.

(Genesis 39:2, 3) But Jehovah was with Joseph. As a result, he became successful and was put over the house of his master, the Egyptian. 3 And his master saw that Jehovah was with him and that Jehovah was making everything that he did successful.

Paragraph 1

(Acts 14:22) There they strengthened the disciples, encouraging them to remain in the faith and saying: “We must enter into the Kingdom of God through many tribulations.”

(Revelation 21:4) And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

Paragraph 2

(Romans 8:35-37) Who will separate us from the love of the Christ? Will tribulation or distress or persecution or hunger or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 Just as it is written: “For your sake we are being put to death all day long; we have been accounted as sheep for slaughtering.” 37 On the contrary, in all these things we are coming off completely victorious through the one who loved us.

Paragraph 3

(Genesis 37:3, 4) Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his other sons because he was the son of his old age, and he had a special robe made for him. 4 When his brothers saw that their father

loved him more than all his brothers, they began to hate him, and they could not speak peaceably to him.

(Genesis 39:1) Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and an Egyptian named Pot'i-phar, a court official of Phar'aoh and chief of the guard, bought him from the Ish'ma-el-ites who had taken him down there.

Paragraph 4

(Ecclesiastes 9:11) I have seen something further under the sun, that the swift do not always win the race, nor do the mighty win the battle, nor do the wise always have the food, nor do the intelligent always have the riches, nor do those with knowledge always have success, because time and unexpected events overtake them all.

(1 Corinthians 10:13) No temptation has come upon you except what is common to men. But God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear, but along with the temptation he will also make the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

(2 Timothy 3:12) In fact, all those desiring to live with godly devotion in association with Christ Jesus will also be persecuted.

Paragraph 5

(Genesis 39:2-6) But Jehovah was with Joseph. As a result, he became successful and was put over the house of his master, the Egyptian. 3 And his master saw that Jehovah was with him and that Jehovah was making everything that he did successful. 4 Joseph kept finding favor in his eyes, and he became his personal attendant. So he appointed him over his house, and he put him in charge of all that was his. 5 From the time he appointed him over his house and in charge of all that was his, Jehovah kept

blessing the house of the Egyptian because of Joseph, and Jehovah’s blessing came to be on all that he had in the house and in the field. 6 He eventually left everything that was his in Joseph’s care, and he gave no thought to anything except the food he was eating. Moreover, Joseph grew to be well-built and handsome.

Paragraph 7

(Genesis 39:1-23) Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and an Egyptian named Pot’i-phar, a court official of Phar’aoh and chief of the guard, bought him from the Ish’ma-el-ites who had taken him down there. 2 But Jehovah was with Joseph. As a result, he became successful and was put over the house of his master, the Egyptian. 3 And his master saw that Jehovah was with him and that Jehovah was making everything that he did successful. 4 Joseph kept finding favor in his eyes, and he became his personal attendant. So he appointed him over his house, and he put him in charge of all that was his. 5 From the time he appointed him over his house and in charge of all that was his, Jehovah kept blessing the house of the Egyptian because of Joseph, and Jehovah’s blessing came to be on all that he had in the house and in the field. 6 He eventually left everything that was his in Joseph’s care, and he gave no thought to anything except the food he was eating. Moreover, Joseph grew to be well-built and handsome. 7 Now after these things, the wife of his master began to cast her eyes on Joseph and say: “Lie down with me.” 8 But he refused and said to his master’s wife: “Here my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has entrusted everything he has into my care. 9 There is no one greater in this house than I am, and he has not withheld from me anything at all except you, because you are his wife. So how could I commit this great badness and actually sin against God?” 10 So day after day she spoke to Joseph, but he never consented to lie with her

or to remain with her. 11 But on one of the days when he went into the house to do his work, none of the household servants were in the house. 12 Then she grabbed hold of him by his garment and said: “Lie down with me!” But he left his garment in her hand and fled outside. 13 As soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, 14 she began to cry out to the men of her house and to say to them: “Look! He brought to us this Hebrew man to make us a laughingstock. He came to me to lie down with me, but I began to cry out at the top of my voice. 15 Then as soon as he heard me raising my voice and screaming, he left his garment beside me and fled outside.” 16 After that she laid his garment beside her until his master came to his house. 17 Then she told him the same thing, saying: “The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came to me to make me a laughingstock. 18 But as soon as I raised my voice and began to scream, he left his garment beside me and fled outside.” 19 As soon as his master heard the words his wife spoke to him, saying: “These are the things your servant did to me,” his anger blazed. 20 So Joseph’s master took him and gave him over to the prison, the place where the prisoners of the king were kept under arrest, and he remained there in the prison. 21 But Jehovah continued with Joseph and kept showing loyal love to him and granting him favor in the eyes of the chief officer of the prison. 22 So the chief officer of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners in the prison, and everything that they were doing there, he was the one having it done. 23 The chief officer of the prison was looking after absolutely nothing that was in Joseph’s care, for Jehovah was with Joseph and Jehovah made whatever he did successful.

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the top of my voice. 15 Then as soon as he heard me raising my voice and screaming, he left his garment beside me and fled outside.”

(Genesis 39:19, 20) As soon as his master heard the words his wife spoke to him, saying: “These are the things your servant did to me,” his anger blazed. 20 So Joseph’s master took him and gave him over to the prison, the place where the prisoners of the king were kept under arrest, and he remained there in the prison.*

*** Ftn: Lit., “the cistern; the pit.”

(Genesis 40:15) I was, in fact, kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and I have not done anything here for which they should put me in prison.”

(Psalm 105:17, 18) He sent ahead of them a man Who was sold to be a slave, Joseph. 18 With fetters they bound his feet, His neck was put in irons;

Paragraph 8

(1 John 5:19) We know that we originate with God, but the whole world is lying in the power of the wicked one.

(Matthew 10:29-31) Two sparrows sell for a coin of small value, do they not? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. 30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 So have no fear; you are worth more than many sparrows.

(1 Peter 5:6, 7) Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time, 7 while you throw all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

(Hebrews 13:5) Let your way of life be free of the love of money, while you are content with the present things. For he has said: “I will never leave you, and I will never abandon you.”

Paragraph 9

(Genesis 39:21-23) But Jehovah continued with Joseph and kept showing loyal love to him and granting him favor in the eyes of the chief officer of the prison. 22 So the chief officer of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners in the prison, and everything that they were doing there, he was the one having it done. 23 The chief officer of the prison was looking after absolutely nothing that was in Joseph’s care, for Jehovah was with Joseph and Jehovah made whatever he did successful.

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Paragraph 10

(Genesis 40:14) Nevertheless, you must remember me when things go well with you. Please show me loyal love and mention me to Phar’ao, in order to get me out of this place.

(Genesis 40:23) However, the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph; he kept forgetting him.

(Genesis 41:1) At the end of two full years, Phar’ao dreamed that he was standing by the Nile River.

(Genesis 41:14) So Phar’ao sent for Joseph, and they brought him quickly from the prison. He shaved and changed his clothes and went in to Phar’ao.

Paragraph 11

(Genesis 41:38) So Phar’ao said to his servants: “Can another man be found like this one in whom there is the spirit of God?”

(Genesis 41:41-44) And Phar'aoh added to Joseph: “See, I am putting you over all the land of Egypt.” 42 Then Phar'aoh removed his signet ring from his own hand and put it on Joseph's hand and clothed him with garments of fine linen and placed a necklace of gold around his neck. 43 Moreover, he had him ride in the second chariot of honor that he had, and they would call out ahead of him, “A·vrékh!” Thus he put him over all the land of Egypt. 44 Phar'aoh further said to Joseph: “I am Phar'aoh, but without your authorization, no man may do a single thing in all the land of Egypt.”

Paragraph 12

(Genesis 45:5) But now do not be upset and do not reproach one another because you sold me here; because God has sent me ahead of you for the preservation of life.

Paragraph 13

(Ecclesiastes 8:9) All of this I have seen, and I applied my heart to every work that has been done under the sun, during the time that man has dominated man to his harm.

(Ecclesiastes 9:11) I have seen something further under the sun, that the swift do not always win the race, nor do the mighty win the battle, nor do the wise always have the food, nor do the intelligent always have the riches, nor do those with knowledge always have success, because time and unexpected events overtake them all.

(Psalm 34:15) The eyes of Jehovah are on the righteous, And his ears listen to their cry for help.

(Psalm 55:22) Throw your burden on Jehovah, And he will sustain you. Never will he allow the righteous one to fall.

(Isaiah 59:1) Look! The hand of Jehovah is not too short to save, Nor is his ear too dull to hear.

Paragraph 14

(2 Corinthians 1:3, 4) Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our trials so that we may be able to comfort others in any sort of trial with the comfort that we receive from God.

(Isaiah 30:15) For this is what the Sovereign Lord Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, says: “By returning to me and resting, you will be saved; Your strength will be in keeping calm and showing trust.” But you were unwilling.

Paragraph 17

(Psalm 40:5) How many things you have done, O Jehovah my God, Your wonderful works and your thoughts toward us. None can compare to you; If I were to try to tell and speak of them, They would be too numerous to recount!

Paragraph 18

(Philippians 4:6) Do not be anxious over anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication along with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God;

(Genesis 41:51, 52) Joseph named the firstborn Ma·nas'seh, for he said, “God has made me forget all my trouble and all the house of my father.” 52 And he named the second one E'phra·im, for he said, “God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.”