Lesson: 20

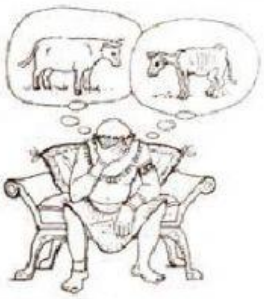
Growing with Value – Integrity

Thrown into Prison

The **Midianites** who bought Joseph took him to Egypt and sold him to a man named **Potiphar**. God did not abandon Joseph in his trial as a slave. Joseph was successful in everything he did, and Potiphar noticed this. Potiphar gave Joseph authority and responsibility in his household. Joseph grew in his new role. The house of Potiphar prospered because of Joseph's **wise management.**

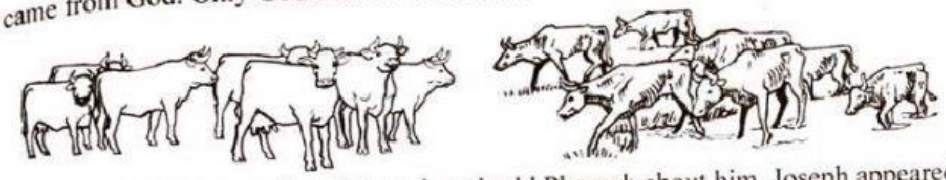
Potiphar's wife was not a **noblewoman**. She noticed how Joseph had grown and matured into a handsome young man. Potiphar's wife wanted to be unfaithful to her husband. But Joseph obeyed and feared God. So he ran from her when she tried to get him alone. She ripped off Joseph's cloak as he ran from her. She told her husband a **lie.** She said that Joseph attacked her and that she grabbed his cloak as he was leaving. Potiphar was incredibly angry. He had Joseph thrown into **prison**.

Joseph was punished for something he did not do. One day, the king's **baker** and **butler** were thrown into prison. That night, they both had **dreams**. Joseph came to help them. Because God was helping him, Joseph could understand the dreams. The butler's dream showed that he would be **released** in three days. The baker's dream showed that he would be **hanged** in three days. Three days later, both dreams come true.



One day, Pharaoh was troubled by two strange dreams that he had the night before. The first dream was about **seven fat cows** being eaten by **seven skinny cows**. The second dream was about seven **fat ears** of corn growing on one stalk and **seven thin** ears coming up and devouring them. Pharaoh asked all his wise men, magicians,

and fortune tellers to tell him what the dreams meant. But no one could. The dreams came from God. Only God could reveal them.



The **butler** remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about him. Joseph appeared before Pharaoh and said that he could reveal nothing. But God could tell him what the dreams meant. Joseph told Pharaoh that the dreams meant that Egypt would soon experience **seven years of plenty**. There would be good weather, lots of food and peace in the land. But then there would be **seven years** of very bad weather and **famine** (no rain and no crops grow). Everyone would be hungry, and many would die. Pharaoh was upset.

Joseph told Pharaoh to make someone in charge of storing food for the hard times that were coming. Pharaoh thought that was a good idea. Joseph was made **second-in-command** of **Egypt**. Joseph stored grain in preparation for the upcoming famine. When the famine began, people would come to Joseph to buy the grain that he had saved.

For seven years, the crops grew well, and Joseph set aside much food, but the time came when nothing would grow. People ate the last of their own grain and would have starved, but Joseph opened the storehouses and fed the people.

Date: _____

1. Who was Joseph sold to? [1]

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2a. How Joseph wise management helped Potiphar's house? Write yes or no. [1] _____

2b. Use evidence from the passage to support your answer, [1] _____

3a. Was the owner of the house wife a noble person? Write yes or no. [1]

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3b. Use evidence from the passage to support your answer. [2]

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4. What lies did she tell on Joseph? Explain your answer. [2]

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5. How did the owner feel when his wife spoke to him? [1]

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6. What happen to Joseph because he was falsely accuse? [2]

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