



Heroes of the Faith, Series - Will Mackey – July 17, 2011

Joseph: The Journey of Faith (Hebrews 11:22; Genesis 37-50)

Young Faith: Genesis 37

Lessons Learned...

- Be humble and be respectful when relating to others as we begin to discover the Lord's plans for our lives.
- Expect opposition. It can even come from our own family.
- The Lord's provision may look different than we thought.

Tested Faith: Genesis 39

Lessons Learned...

- The Lord will allow us to experience difficult times but He will be with us through every step of it.
- Learn to love/submit to the Lord in the difficult times. He is not mean. He is working a plan. He has our best in mind.
- Learn to cooperate with the Lord in the difficult times.
- Our faith will be tested during these times.
- It may get worse before it gets better. Remember the Truth!

Waiting Faith: Genesis 40-41

Lessons Learned...

- The Lord will sometimes require us to wait long periods of time before we see the fulfillment of His plan. He wants us to stay faithful and surrendered to Him no matter what.
- When the Lord is ready, He will bring us out and open the next door.

Prepared and Trusted Faith: Genesis 41-45

Lessons Learned...

- When the Lord is ready, He will open any door He chooses.
- As we cooperate with the Lord in the testing/waiting, He is preparing us.
- The Lord prepares our faith so He can entrust our faith with more responsibility/influence for His purpose.
- Deep faith learns to rejoice in the will of the Lord, even if it leads through difficulties.