

God is Able...

To turn our baggage in to His toolbox

Points to Consider

1. The Scriptures
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The Scriptures

Heb 11:22 *By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.*

Gen 50:22-26 *So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's household. And Joseph lived one hundred and ten years. 23 Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third generation. The children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were also brought up on Joseph's knees. 24 And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." 25 Then Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." 26 So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt. NKJV*

Joseph was _____ that God was going to bring them out of Egypt to the land God promised Abraham.

He made them take an _____ that they would take his bones to the promised land.

Ex 13:17-19 *Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, "Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt." 18 So God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt. 19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you." NKJV*

Josh 24:32 *The bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel had brought up out of Egypt, they buried at Shechem, in the plot of ground which Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for one hundred pieces of silver, and which had become an inheritance of the children of Joseph. NKJV*

Moses took the bones of Joseph with them when they left Egypt.

Joshua _____ them in Shechem.

1 Cor 12:18 *But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.* NKJV

John 9:1-5 *Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. 4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."* NKJV

The blind man was right where Jesus _____ him so He could work the works of God.

The Stories

The story of Joseph

Gen 45:5-8 *But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. 7 And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.* NKJV

Joseph realized that God was the one who put Joseph _____ where He needed him when He needed him.

Gen 40:14 *But remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house. 15 For indeed I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews; and also I have done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon."* NKJV

Joseph wanted out of jail because he was _____. He didn't understand that God had a reason for him to be there.

Gen 39:21 *But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.* NKJV

God _____ abandoned Joseph.

Gen 39:13 *And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside, 14 that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, "See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. 15 And it happened, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went outside."* NKJV

Potiphar's wife _____ about Joseph's intentions to lie with her.

Gen 39:1-3 *Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there. 2 The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. NKJV*

Even though Joseph was a slave in Egypt, he was a _____ man.

Joseph became a slave because his brothers sold him into slavery.

They sold him into slavery because they were jealous, he was Jacob's favorite son and he had dreams where they would bow to him.

The Moses story

The first 40 years of his life, Moses was in _____ house just as God designed.

The second 40 years of his life, Moses was in the wilderness tending _____ just as God designed.

The last 40 years of his life, Moses used what he learned in the first 80 years and brought God's people out of Egypt just as _____ designed.

The Esther story

Est 1:19-20 *If it pleases the king, let a royal decree go out from him, and let it be recorded in the laws of the Persians and the Medes, so that it will not be altered, that Vashti shall come no more before King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she. 20 When the king's decree which he will make is proclaimed throughout all his empire (for it is great), all wives will honor their husbands, both great and small." NKJV*

For Esther to become queen and save God's people, the previous queen had to be _____.

Est 2:2-4 *Then the king's servants who attended him said: "Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king; 3 and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather all the beautiful young virgins to Shushan the citadel, into the women's quarters, under the custody of Hegai the king's eunuch, custodian of the women. And let beauty preparations be given them. 4 Then let the young woman who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti." NKJV*

For Esther to become queen and save God's people, she had to be a _____ virgin.

Est 2:17-18 *The king loved Esther more than all the other women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. 18 Then the king made a great feast, the Feast of Esther, for all his officials and servants; and he proclaimed a holiday in the provinces and gave gifts according to the generosity of a king. NKJV*

For Esther to become queen and save God's people, the king had to love her more than all the other beautiful virgins throughout his kingdom.

Est 4:13-14 *And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. 14 For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" NKJV*

For Esther to save God's people, she needed Mordecai to give her _____ advice.

Est 5:1-2 *Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, across from the king's house, while the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance of the house. 2 So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that she found favor in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther went near and touched the top of the scepter. NKJV*

For Esther to save God's people, she had to have the _____ to go into the king uninvited.

For Esther to save God's people, she had to have the _____ to get the king and Haman to the banquet and cleverly inform the king of Haman's plot.

The So What?

- Take time this week to look back through your life and see how God has guided you to where you are today. Look at the friends God has given you. Remember the people who have influenced you for good. Remember some of the trials you have gone through and how those have shaped you into who you are today. Remember the times God has disciplined you.
- Thank God for His influence in your life and for the people He has used to mold you into a more usable instrument for Him.
- Thank at least two people who have had a big impact on your life. Let them know that you consider them to be a blessing from God.
- Those of you who have been at PSD for some time, take some time to reminisce about the people God has put in this church exactly when this church needed them.
- We all need to remember that we are at PSD for a reason. God wants to use all of us for His glory.
- Remember, God can use us wherever we are if we submit to Him and seek His glory above our own.

- If you don't know where you fit in here, ask one of the elders to help you find your role and how to fill it.
- When opportunities come your way always take time to consider how those occasions can help you honor God. Sometimes there are no right or wrong choices.