

# Overcoming Life's Challenges

*Lessons from the Life of Joseph*

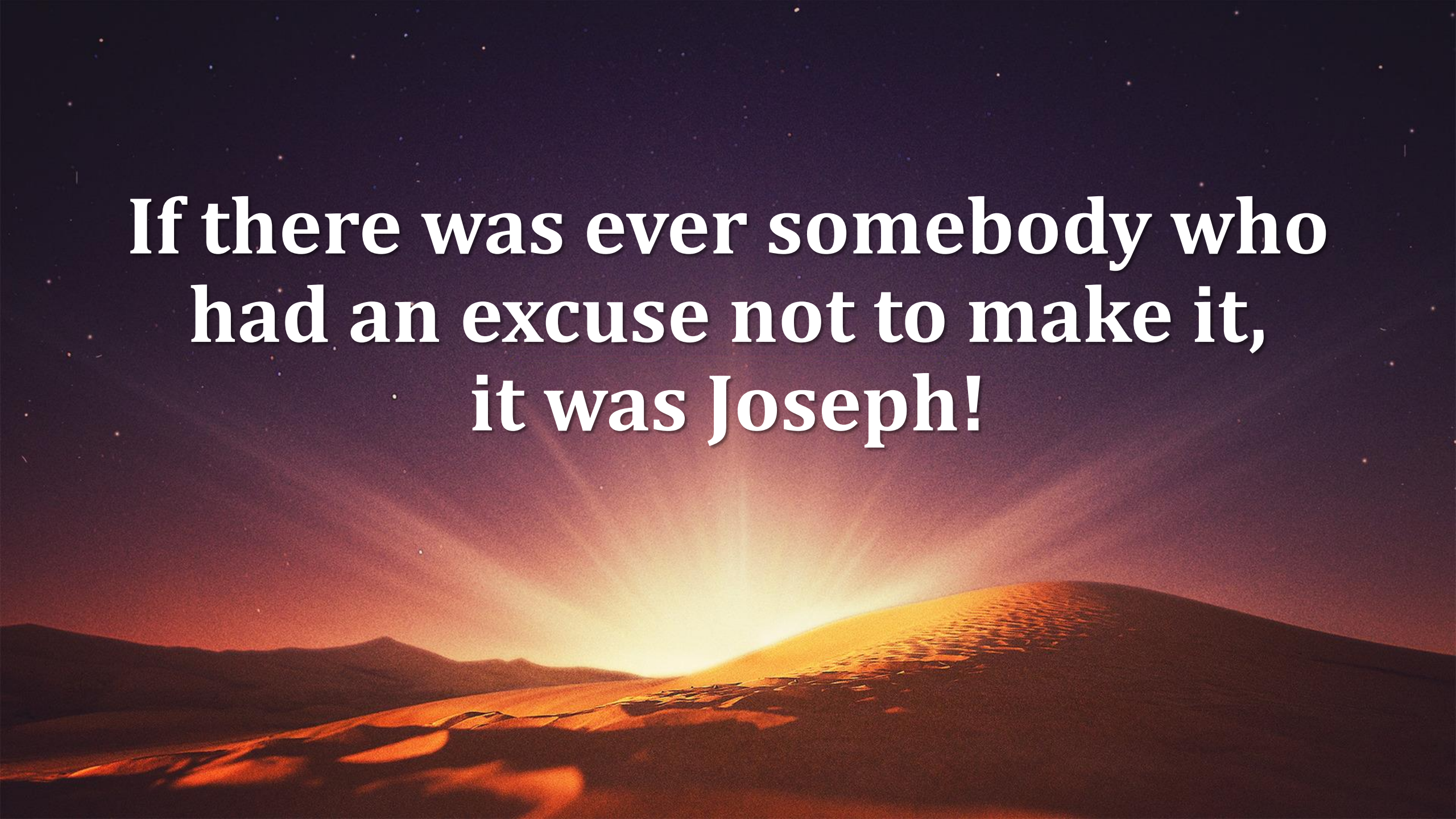
*Part 1*

Overcoming Rejection: The Power of Courage

*Genesis 37*



**If there was ever somebody who  
had an excuse not to make it,  
it was Joseph!**





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**Overcoming Temptation**

**Overcoming Disappointment**

**Overcoming Success**

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*The Power of Courage*

**Overcoming Temptation:**

*The Power of Character*

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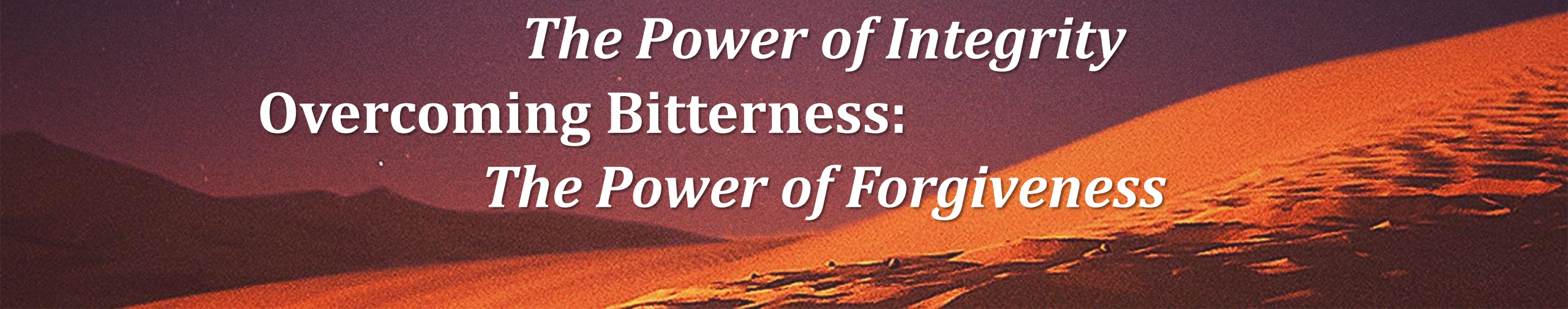
*The Power of Trust/Hope*

**Overcoming Success:**

*The Power of Integrity*

**Overcoming Bitterness:**

*The Power of Forgiveness*









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# Jacob's Family

JACOB

Leah

Zilpah

Rachel

Bilhah

Leah's  
servant

Rachel's  
servant

Reuben  
Simeon  
Levi  
Judah

Issachar  
Zebulun

Gad  
Asher

Joseph  
Benjamin

Dan  
Naphtali



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2. The Biblical pattern for marriage was ignored.
3. Parental passiveness took the place of Godly parental leadership and convictions.
4. Jealousy, anger, and hatred were fostered, then allowed to simmer.



**1. Realize that God's plan is to change and prepare us for service, no matter what our family background may look like.**



2. Realize that spiritual character is developed in the classroom of life circumstances *(often difficult)*.





**God is far more concerned  
with our character than  
He is with our comfort.**





## **Romans 8:28-29**

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.



# **1 Peter 1:6-7**

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:



## **James 1:3-4**

Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.



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