



Chapter Five:

Six Outpost Principles from the Life of Joseph

Genesis 37-42

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Principle One: Leggo My Ego: 37:2-11

As Joseph internalized his father's favoritism, he poisoned his relationships with his brothers
Beware your ego (commitment to self-sufficiency and self-satisfaction) is waiting to bait you
Let another praise you and not your own mouth: **Proverbs 27:2**

Principle Two: A Person of Peace Can Still Throw Curve Balls at You: 39:6-18

When Potiphar's wife, who was illicitly drawn to Joseph, tried to trap him, he fled
There may be Persons of Peace who seek to connect to us in unhealthy ways
Open eyes, good boundaries, and accountable friends outside our outposts are essential

Principle Three: "Be" Good News in Every Configuration: 39:1-6; 21-23

Whether at Potiphar's house, in the prison, or in the government, Joseph was trusted
Within our mission outpost world, we must lead with integrity and solid example
This sets us up to be conduits of God's broader blessing in our outposts "for our sake" 39:5

Principle Four: You Never Know Where One Encounter May Lead: 40:9-15

Joseph's interpretation of the cupbearer's dream led to his eventual promotion
Deem every encounter in the mission outpost as God-strategic and significant
Remember that direct causation does not always yield quick results: 40:23-41:1

Principle Five: Everything is Recycled for Use as Your Story Progresses

Joseph's time in captivity was pragmatic training for his future leadership role
Everyday Mission Outpost encounters and responsibilities are always training us
For this life and the next

Principle Six: God Can Choose to Do Miracles Through You: 40:5-19; 41:14-36

Joseph had opportunity to supernaturally interpret dreams at key moments
God can use you to do things you cannot do in your own strength if you are present and open
Difference between being open and present versus trying to be a miracle-worker