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BUT GOD

A STUDY OF THE
LIFE OF JOSEPH

"A LEADER
WORTH FOLLOWING"
GENESIS 46:31-47:26

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Introduction: Each one of us is trying to influence someone else — which makes us a “leader.” At the same time, each of us is following some kind of leader whether it is in the workplace, the church, or the family. What makes someone an effective leader worth following? The story of Joseph’s settlement of his family in Egypt and his continued leadership in the global famine answers that question.

I. **Joseph’s Humility Toward Others** (Genesis 46:31-47:12)

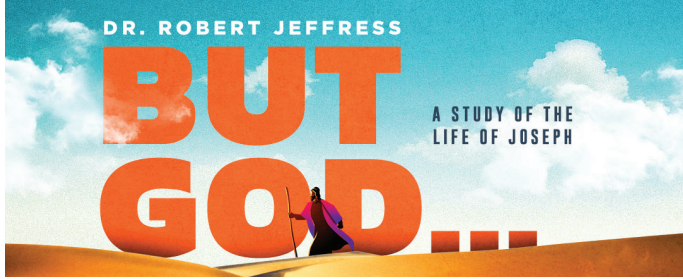
A. **In His Preparation** (Genesis 46:31-34)

Genesis 46:31-34 ³¹ “Joseph said to his brothers and to his father’s household, ‘I will go up and tell Pharaoh, and will say to him, “My brothers and my father’s household, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me; ³² and the men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of livestock; and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.” ³³ When Pharaoh calls you and says, ‘What is your occupation?’ ³⁴ you shall say, ‘Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,’ that you may live in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is loathsome to the Egyptians.”

B. **In His Presentation to Pharaoh** (Genesis 47:1-12)

Genesis 47:3 “Then Pharaoh said to his brothers, ‘What is your occupation?’ So they said to Pharaoh, ‘Your servants are shepherds, both we and our father.’”

Genesis 47:6 “The land of Egypt is at your disposal; settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land, let them live in the land of Goshen; and if you know any capable men among them, then put them in charge of my livestock.”



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II. **Joseph's Wisdom In Leadership** (Genesis 47:13-26)

A. **Initiative** (Genesis 47:13)

47:13 "Now there was no food in all the land, because the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine."

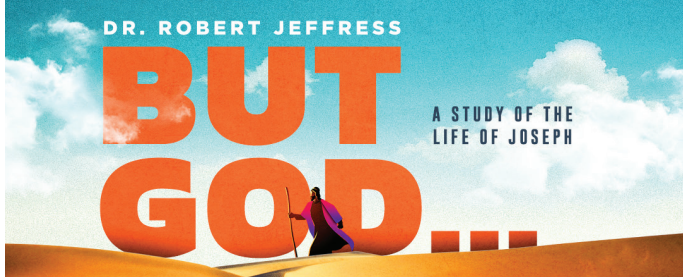
B. **Integrity** (Genesis 47:14)

Genesis 47:14 "Joseph gathered all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan for the grain which they bought, and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house."

C. **Insight** (Genesis 47:15-19)

Genesis 47:15-19 ¹⁵ "When the money was all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, 'Give us food, for why should we die in your presence? For our money is gone.' ¹⁶ Then Joseph said, 'Give up your livestock, and I will give you food for your livestock, since your money is gone.' ¹⁷ So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses and the flocks and the herds and the donkeys; and he fed them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year.

¹⁸ When that year was ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, 'We will not hide from my lord that our money is all spent, and the cattle are my lord's. There is nothing left for my lord except our bodies and our lands. ¹⁹ Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we and our land will be slaves to Pharaoh. So give us seed, that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate.'"



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D. **Innovation** (Genesis 47:20-26)

Genesis 47:24-25 ²⁴ “At the harvest you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four-fifths shall be your own for seed of the field and for your food and for those of your households and as food for your little ones. ²⁵ So they said, ‘You have saved our lives! Let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh’s slaves.’”

Conclusion