

What are you looking for?

Genesis 37:14-18 NIV

When Joseph arrived at Shechem, 15 a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "**What are you looking for?**" 16 He replied, "**I'm looking for my brothers.**"

Factors that determine the real you...

✓ **DNA** Genesis 35:22-26 NLT

22 These are the names of the twelve sons of Jacob: 23 The sons of Leah were Reuben (Jacob's oldest son), Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun.

24 The sons of Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin.

25 The sons of Bilhah, Rachel's servant, were Dan and Naphtali.

26 The sons of Zilpah, Leah's servant, were Gad and Asher.

✓ **Self-Image** Genesis 37:5 & 8 NIV

5 Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more.

8 His brothers said to him, "**Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?**"

And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

✓ **Life Experiences** Genesis 37:36; 39:19 NLT

36...**they sold Joseph to Potiphar...** 19 he took Joseph and **threw him into the prison**

✓ **Attitude & choices from your experiences.**

Genesis 39:6-9 NLT

6...Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man, 7 and Potiphar's wife soon began to look at him lustfully. "Come and sleep with me," she demanded.

8 But **Joseph refused.** "Look," he told her, "my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. 9 No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing?

It would be a great sin against God."

✓ **Friends** Genesis 40:2-4 NLT

2 Pharaoh became angry with these two officials, 3 and he put them in the prison where Joseph was, in the palace of the captain of the guard. 4 They remained in prison for quite some time, and the captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, **who looked after them.**

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Relationships

The Real You

What do you see?

1. **The real you determines what you see.**

Genesis 39:21-23 NLT

21 But **the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him His faithful love.** And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden. 22 Before long, the warden put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners and over everything that happened in the prison. 23 The warden had no more worries, because Joseph took care of everything.

The Lord was with him and caused everything he did to succeed.

2. **The real you determines how you see others.**

Genesis 45:14-15 NCV

14 Then Joseph hugged his brother Benjamin and cried, and Benjamin cried also.

15 And **Joseph kissed all his brothers and cried as he hugged them.**

After this, his brothers talked with him.

3. **The real you determines how you see life.**

Genesis 45:3-5 NLT

3 "**I am Joseph!**" he said to his brothers. "Is my father still alive?" But his brothers were speechless! They were stunned to realize that Joseph was standing there in front of them.

4 "Please, come closer," he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again,

"I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt.

5 But don't be upset, and don't be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place.

It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives.

4. **The real you determines the choices you make.**

Genesis 50:17-21 NLT

17...**we, the servants of the God of your father, beg you to forgive our sin.**" When Joseph received the message, he broke down and wept. 18 Then his brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. "Look, we are your slaves!" they said. 19 But Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. 21 No, don't be afraid. **I will continue to take care of you and your children.**" So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

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