

## HOME for Christmas

(3) Everlasting Father

### ISAIAH 9:6...

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, EVERLASTING FATHER, Prince of Peace.***

### GENESIS 37:1-2...

*Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. 2 This is the account of Jacob's family line. **Joseph, a young man of seventeen**, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, **and he brought their father a bad report about them.***

### Vss 3-4...

*Now **Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons**, because he had been born to him in his old age; and **he made an ornate robe for him**. 4 When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, **they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.***

### Vss 5-8...

***Joseph had a dream**, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. 6 He said to them, "**Listen to this dream I had: 7 We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it.**" 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.*

### Vs 9...

*Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "**Listen,**" he said, "**I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.**"*

**WE... WERE... CREATED... TO... BRING... GLORY... TO... HIM!**

### Vss 17b-20...

*So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. 18 But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. 19 "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. 20 "**Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams.**"*

### GENESIS 39:1-2...

*Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, **bought him** from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there. **The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered**, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.*

**YOU COULD BE GOING THROUGH THE WORST PERIOD OF TIME IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW... BUT IT DOESN'T... NEVER WILL... NEVER CAN... CHANGE THIS FACT...**

**GOD IS STILL WITH YOU!**

### GENESIS 39:20b-21...

***But while Joseph was in the prison, the LORD was with him;**  
he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.*

**JOSEPH DIDN'T NECESSARILY LIKE... WHERE HE WAS...  
BUT HE KNEW... WHO HE WAS...  
NEVER FORGOT... WHO'S HE WAS...  
ALWAYS REMEMBERED... WHO WAS WITH HIM WHILE WHERE HE WAS...  
AND HE KEPT EMBRACING EVERYTHING... NO MATTER WHAT... WHEREVER HE WAS!**

**GOD CARES WAY MORE ABOUT YOUR CHARACTER...  
THEN HE DOES ABOUT YOUR COMFORT!**

**GENESIS 41:16...**  
**"I CANNOT DO IT"** Joseph replied to Pharaoh,  
**"but GOD will give Pharaoh the answer he desires!"**

**HE'S STILL WITH YOU!!**

**1. OUR PLAN... ISN'T ALWAYS HIS PLAN!**

**STOP** approaching **GOD** for **HIS PERMISSION...** to do what **WE WANT...**  
**START** approaching **GOD** with **OUR SUBMISSION...** to do what **HE WANTS!**

**2. HIS PLAN... ALWAYS INCLUDES HIS PRESENCE!**

**HE IS... ALWAYS WILL BE... NO CHANCE HE WON'T BE... ALWAYS... WITH... YOU!!**