

## **7-Day Devotional: Planted and Preserved for Increase**

**Theme:** Increase

**Scripture Foundation:** Genesis 37:5-10; 19-20; 23-34, Genesis 45:5, 8, Genesis 50:19-21 (NKJV)

### **Day 1: Favor Attracts Opposition**

**Scripture:** Genesis 37:5-11

Joseph's dreams were a sign of God's favor, but they also stirred up envy and hatred among his brothers. Favor doesn't mean life will be easy; it often means you'll face opposition.

**Reflection:** Have you ever felt like the favor on your life made you a target? Remember, opposition is often confirmation that God's hand is on you.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to see opposition as part of Your process. Strengthen me to stand firm in the face of adversity, knowing that Your favor is greater than any challenge. Amen.

### **Day 2: Buried to Bloom**

**Scripture:** Genesis 37:23-24

Joseph's brothers threw him into a pit, thinking they were burying him. But the pit was the perfect place for God to begin His work. Seeds are buried before they bloom.

**Reflection:** Are you in a "pit season" right now? What if God is using this time to plant you for something greater? Trust that the pit is not your end—it's your preparation.

**Prayer:** Father, thank You for using the dark places in my life to prepare me for increase. Help me to trust Your process, even when I can't see the outcome. Amen.

### **Day 3: Sold but Not Stolen**

**Scripture:** Genesis 37:28

Joseph was sold into slavery, but his destiny was never in the hands of his brothers or the Ishmaelites. What God has ordained for you cannot be stolen.

**Reflection:** Have you ever felt like life "sold" you into a situation you didn't choose? Remember, no one can take away what God has placed inside you.

**Prayer:** Lord, remind me that my destiny is secure in You. Even when life feels out of control, I trust that You are working all things for my good. Amen.

#### **Day 4: The Dream is Bigger Than You**

**Scripture:** Genesis 45:5, 8

Joseph realized that his journey wasn't just about him—it was about preserving a nation. God's dreams are always bigger than the dreamer.

**Reflection:** How does your dream impact the people around you? Ask God to show you how your purpose fits into His bigger plan.

**Prayer:** God, thank You for giving me a dream that's bigger than myself. Help me to see how my life can be a blessing to others and bring glory to Your name. Amen.

#### **Day 5: What They Meant for Evil, God Used for Good**

**Scripture:** Genesis 50:19-20

Joseph's brothers intended to harm him, but God used their actions to position him for his purpose. The very thing meant to destroy him became the platform for his destiny.

**Reflection:** Think about a time when something painful in your life turned out to be a blessing. How can you trust God to repurpose your pain for His glory?

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for turning what was meant for evil into good. Help me to trust that You are always working behind the scenes for my good and Your glory. Amen.

#### **Day 6: Trust the Process for the Promise**

**Scripture:** Genesis 50:21

Joseph reassured his brothers that God had a plan all along. The process may not make sense, but it's necessary for the promise to be fulfilled.

**Reflection:** Are you in the middle of a process that feels overwhelming? Trust that God is preparing you for the promise He has spoken over your life.

**Prayer:** Father, give me the patience and faith to trust Your process. I know that You are faithful to fulfill every promise You've made. Amen.

#### **Day 7: Preserved for Increase**

**Scripture:** John 12:24

Joseph's story reminds us that God preserves us for the right time. Just like food that's preserved for later use, God extends our "shelf life" so we're ready when the time comes.

**Reflection:** What areas of your life feel like they've been "on hold"? Trust that God is preserving you for the right moment to bring increase.

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for preserving me for Your purpose. Help me to trust Your timing and to be ready when You call me into the increase You've prepared. Amen.

**Closing Thought for the Week:**

Your dream is a seed, and you are the vessel. The pit, the betrayal, and the process are all part of God's plan to plant and preserve you for increase. Trust the God of the process, because He is also the God of the promise.

**Key Verse for the Week:** Genesis 50:20 – “But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.”