

**YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE**

**28 JANUARY 2023**

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Genesis 47:13-26

Rostered Pastor: Pastor Mitchell Tan

Message: "You have saved our lives" Genesis 47:25

Speaker: Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

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### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The severe famine in Egypt

- a) It was very severe indeed
- b) Everyone was hard-pressed

2. Joseph's role

- a) It was demanding
- b) He had to come up with solutions time and again

### **COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY THE FAMINE**

1. Egypt

2. Canaan                      Genesis 47:13

### **PAYMENT FOR FOOD**

1. The food that Egypt sold had to be paid for

2. The money earned was given to the Pharaoh faithfully    Genesis 47:14

3. Joseph was honest and upright in all his dealings

### **WHEN MONEY RAN OUT**

1. The savings of the Egyptians ran out

2. They had no more money left to pay for food                      Genesis 47:15

### **BARTER TRADE**

1. Joseph suggested a barter trade

2. The livestock of the Egyptians could be traded for food    Genesis 47:16-17

- a) Horses

- b) Flocks
- c) Cattle
- d) Donkeys

### **THE PLEA OF THE EGYPTIANS**

#### **1. Their plight**

- a) They had no money
- b) They also had no more livestock Genesis 47:18

#### **2. Their offer**

- a) They would sell their land
- b) They would become servants of the Pharaoh Genesis 47:19

### **AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE THE LAND OF THE EGYPTIANS**

- 1. Joseph agreed to buy the land of the Egyptians Genesis 47:20a
- 2. All the different properties now belonged to Pharaoh Genesis 47:20b

### **ANOTHER WISE DECISION OF JOSEPH**

#### **1. He moved the people into cities Genesis 47:21**

- a) Easier to manage the population
- b) Easier to care for the people
- c) Easier for the protection of the people

#### **2. The lands of the priests**

- a) Joseph did not buy them
- b) They were also given rations
- c) They were provided for Genesis 47:22

### **YET ANOTHER GOOD PLAN OF JOSEPH**

1. He would provide seed for planting when the famine ended
2. The people would then return to their farms
3. The wise and careful plan of Joseph unveiled
  - a) The people must give 1/5 of their produce to Pharaoh
    - i) That's 20%
    - ii) It represents an appropriate tribute to Pharaoh
    - iii) They would have perished without the support given
  - b) They may keep 4/5 of the produce
    - i) Food for the people and the families
    - ii) Grain for sowing
  - c) This became a law in Egypt

### **THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

So they said, "You have saved our lives; let us find favour in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants."

Genesis 47:25

1. They recognised that their lives had been saved
2. They responded by offering themselves as servants of the Pharaoh
3. Their response was marked by humility
  - a) They did not take the offer of service lightly
  - b) They would serve if only they were considered fit to serve
  - c) If they have found favour to be allowed to serve

### **CHALLENGES THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO US**

1. To grow as Joseph did

- a) In faith
- b) In spirit
- c) In wisdom

2. To serve as Joseph did

- a) Diligently
- b) Determinedly
- c) Distinctively

### **CONCLUSION**

1. Make 2023 a significant year of growth
2. Identify key areas of growth
3. Pray and persevere in your plan to grow up well