



# Better THAN NORMAL

THE STORY OF JOSEPH

# Genesis 37:12- 32

Now [Joseph's] brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, and [Joseph's father, Israel a.k.a Jacob] said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them."

"Very well," he replied. (verses 12,13)

## Genesis 37:12- 32

So [Jacob] said to [his son Joseph], “Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me.” Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. . .

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.  
(verses 14,17,18)

## Genesis 37:12- 32

“Here comes that dreamer!” they said to each other.  
“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.”

When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. “Let’s not take his life,” he said. “Don’t shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don’t lay a hand on him.” Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father. (verses 19-22)

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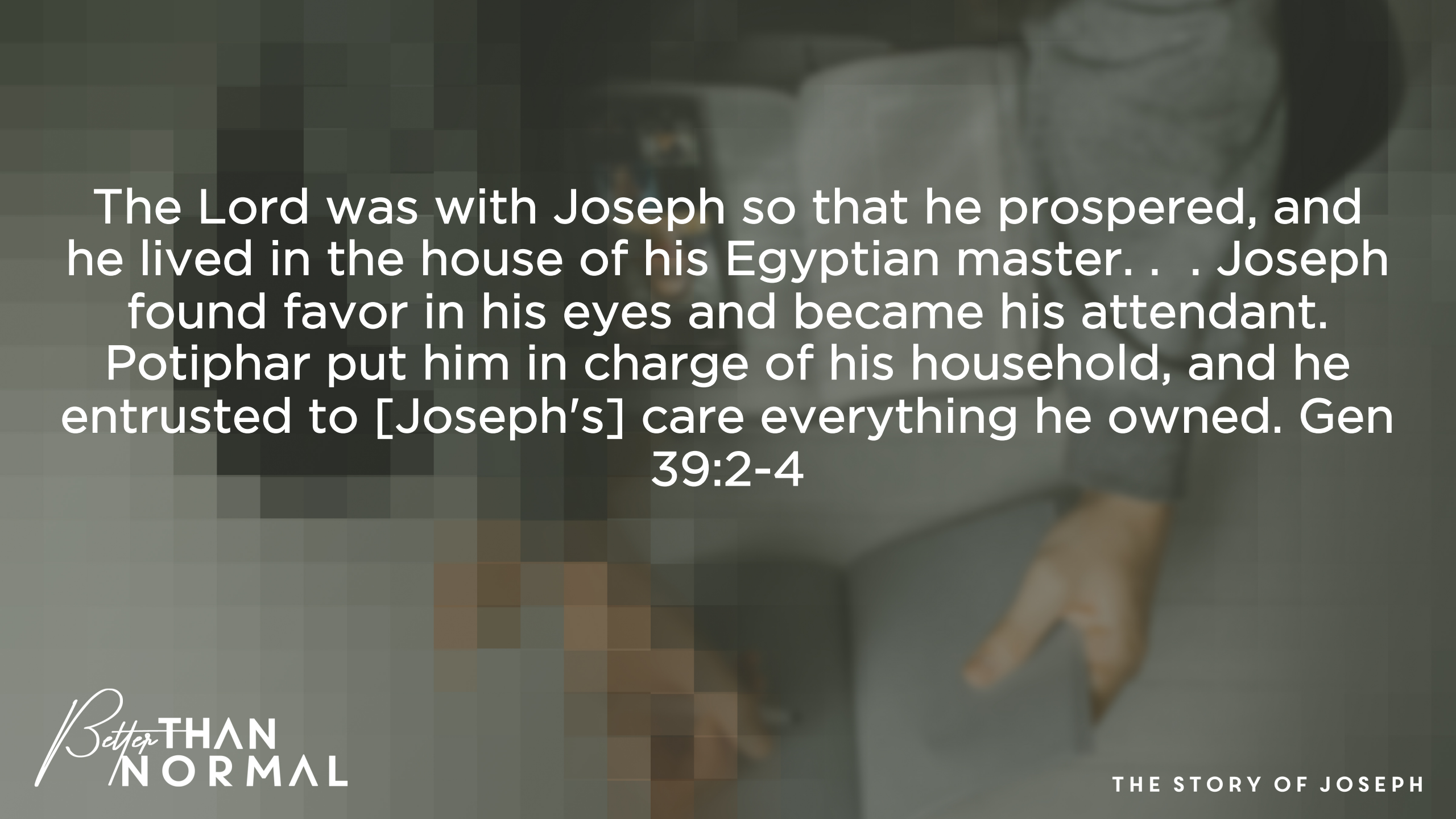
So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.  
(verses 23-25)

## Genesis 37:12- 32

Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed.

So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt. (verses 26-28)



The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. . . . Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to [Joseph's] care everything he owned. Gen 39:2-4

# BETTER THAN NORMAL - Week 1 Assignment

1. Write Down What You've Lost.
2. Talk About What You've Lost With Someone.
3. Pray for God to Prepare you for Your Better Than Normal.
4. Destroy the list of what you've lost - God is releasing you.