

Stephen's Defense: Part II

Joseph: From Disaster to Triumph

Acts 7: 9-16

Listening Sheet

Introduction:

- I. Joseph was able to bring triumph out of disaster because he was a man who lived by *grace*.

- II. Joseph was able to bring triumph out of disaster because he was a man who lived by *wisdom*.

- III. Because Joseph was a man of grace and wisdom God acted repeatedly on his behalf to bring triumph out of disaster.

Conclusion:

From Stephen's story concerning Joseph we discover 5 more principles that help us see how God works in His people's lives.

- I. God works in us to build our character to match our circumstances and situations.

- II. Dysfunctional and disastrous circumstances do not cancel God's ability to bring about good ends or results.

- III. Some disastrous circumstances happen in our life as a part of God's future design to bring about good.

- IV. God's actions and work in Joseph's life are designed to foreshadow God's ultimate promise for the world.

- V. God's ultimate desire is not to bring disaster but to bring triumph into our life situations and circumstances.