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.