



Miriam even encouraged Moses during his time of doubt.

Above all, Jochebed and Miriam are primary examples of what happens when you let God take control of your life. When you look into the story of Moses, you will find that their lives revolved around their profuse faith in God. They always had their free will, but each time, they chose to do things God's way, which is why He showered them with blessings.

There will be times in our lives when we doubt what's best for us. There will be times in our lives when we doubt if God knows what's best for us. What we must do is follow the example of Moses' mother and sister. We must realize that God ALWAYS knows what's best for us and always will know. Once we get past our worries, our doubts and our fears, that is when we can all begin to trust and experience God's infinite power and love for us.

Joseph

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Now Israel loved **Joseph** more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors (Genesis 37:23-24).

So it came to pass, when **Joseph** had come to his brothers, that they stripped **Joseph** of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him. Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; there was no water in it (Ch. 37:26). Then Midiannite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled **Joseph** up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took **Joseph** to Egypt (Ch. 39:1). Now **Joseph** had been taken down to Egypt. And Potipher, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there.

From here the story begins to get interesting.

Joseph's master's wife liked **Joseph** a lot. She liked him so much to the extent that she wanted to sleep with him and cheat on her husband. Here is one of the points that we can learn as youth that I wanted to talk about. The Lord Jesus Christ had not yet come down to sacrifice Himself for our sins, so it was really hard for the people who believed in God to have a strong relationship with God. **Joseph** had not seen God and yet he says no to Potipher's wife. He could have easily done it, and say that he doesn't know God and that he will not save him and so on. But whatever happened, he stuck to his faith. After that he was thrown into prison and God was still with him. If that ever happened to us, not being thrown into prison but if something bad happened to us, we, as youth, would probably be mad at God and say that he has abandoned us or something.

But **Joseph** kept his faith and God didn't leave him

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Esther

A True Heroine

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The Books of the Holy Bible reveal many inspirational heroes and heroines, better known as saints. One such book unveils the courageous story of Queen Esther. The Holy Book of Esther is one of my favorite books in the Holy Bible because it is a true “rags to riches” tale that explains Esther’s story through a series of flowing events leading up to a great climax and then finally a happy ending by persecuting the antagonist and saving the righteous. As I read these ten chapters, I am plunged into Esther’s life and I watch her as she grows strong in the faith of the Lord. Though she was the

Queen of over one hundred and twenty-seven provinces, rich, glamorous and praised by all, this devout young woman displayed four righteous characteristics that have become cornerstones of Christianity. Though endowed with physical beauty, Esther’s obedience, selflessness, courage and love convey her true inner beauty and noble characteristics.

Most of you will agree that at times we find it difficult to obey our parents, especially as we grow into mature and independent adulthood. We question our parents’ logic and sometimes their authority, belittling or even

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for a second. After a little while in prison, two prisoners with **Joseph** had dreams. They came to **Joseph** and told their dreams to him. By the power of God, **Joseph** interpreted their dreams and the one who was the chief butler was saved and brought out of prison. **Joseph** told him to tell Pharaoh to release him because he didn’t do anything wrong. The one who was the chief baker was hanged according to the interpretation. The chief butler forgot about **Joseph**, but God didn’t. Later on, Pharaoh had two dreams as well and wanted someone to interpret them. Only then did the chief butler remember **Joseph** and told Pharaoh what he had done to him and what he can do. So Pharaoh sent for **Joseph** and by the power of God



Joseph and his brothers

he interpreted both dreams to be a famine. Pharaoh then made **Joseph** the second most important person in the land of Egypt and they prepared for the famine.

This is a lesson we all as youth can learn. All this time **Joseph** stuck with his faith and all this time, God did not leave him for even one second. Let us all try to be like **Joseph** in every way we can saying no to the sin no matter what it is, even though we are free. This is a privilege that we have that **Joseph** never had. **Joseph** was a slave when Potiphar’s wife stalked him. When she asked him, he, as a slave, had to obey.

But as a slave to God he was strong enough to refuse even thinking about the sin because he would sin against God himself.