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“When Everything That Matters Has Been Torn Away!”
(Genesis 37:12-28)

According to statistics from 2022, the average American household has _____ people in it.

Joseph’s brothers sell to him a passing caravan of _____ who were on their way to _____.

Now, the Ishmaelites have bought the _____ son to be their _____!

1.- Who are you when _____ that matters to you has been torn away?

When all that is left is this _____ in front of you, when you have the _____ to withdraw; explode; or _____ in God?

Loss of this magnitude strikes at our very _____!

When our pain causes us to turn _____ from God, we lose our ultimate _____ for our identity, purpose and security!

2.- Joseph was still a _____ of God.

And so are we! It’s the one thing that can’t be _____ away from us!

Joseph could still control one thing: he could _____ God in his current _____!

Joseph displayed a godly, wise and trustworthy _____ while in captivity in Egypt!

In his worst of circumstances, Joseph chose to _____ by what he _____ about God!

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Joseph didn’t let his loss _____ him or his circumstances _____ him!

Joseph knew he was a child of God! He had implicit _____ in God when everything around him had fallen _____!

3.- How Joseph responded to his losses would _____ not just his future, but the _____ of a nation.

Joseph found the one thing that was bigger than his fears: His _____ in God!

Joseph remembered that he was a child of a _____ and _____ God, and he let that knowledge guide his _____ and his actions!

Our God is a God of _____!

Make a conscious decision to trust God and live as God’s witness in even your worst circumstances!

Then, you will see God use your faithfulness to change your future and to influence the lives of others around you!