

Reflection Thursday Week 14 – 2023

One can see the parallel between Joseph in the first reading and Jesus. Both were rejected, both left for dead, both reborn to become saviours. Joseph helps save his brothers and family from starvation and death. Jesus saves us all from death and wins life for us through his death and resurrection. The Faith Space suggests that there are 11 lessons to be learnt from the Joseph story:

- 1 – GOD’S DREAMS FOR YOU CAN MAKE OTHERS UNCOMFORTABLE
- 2 – NOTHING STOPS GOD’S PLANS
- 3 – SOMETIMES GENERATIONAL CURSES ARE AT WORK IN YOUR LIFE
- 4 – IN HARD TIMES, ALWAYS WATCH FOR HOW GOD SHOWS UP
- 5 - INTEGRITY AND OBEDIENCE BEAT LIES, ALL THE TIME.
- 6 – GOD WILL TEST YOU EVEN IF YOU ARE CALLED
- 7 – GOD REALLY KNOWS YOUR READINESS FOR LEADERSHIP
- 8 – GOD WILL PUSH YOU INTO LEADERSHIP PURPOSE
- 9 – PAY ATTENTION TO OTHERS ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY
- 10 – PEOPLE DESERVE SECOND CHANCES
- 11 - TRUST GOD’S PROCESS.

What is important in the Gospel is that Jesus says put your complete trust in me and I can work many wonders through you. Above all, however, the power you have is from me, says Jesus, not from you. Without putting me first you are powerless. The psalmist invites us to *Remember the wonders the Lord has done* and see all that we do as the work of God to whom we give praise.