

Forward By Faith—Faith’s Fixed Focus
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I. Introduction. Text: James 1:5, Genesis 37.

II. The foundation of faith.

- A. God can speak to a person at a very young age.
- B. When we learn to fix our faith on God, He will sustain us through family turmoil.
- C. Fixed faith on God sustains through the worst and helps people to be the best in whatever one is doing. (Genesis 39)
 - 1. When we fix our faith on God, He will be with us.
 - 2. When we fix our faith on God, whatever we do will prosper.
 - 3. One of the reasons a person misses God’s blessings is because he gets his focus off Him.
 - 4. Joseph’s faith sustained him through an unjust period in the dungeon.

III. Rewards of faithfulness.

- A. Joseph was given the opportunity of a public testimony of God before Pharaoh.
- B. Joseph was given second command in the kingdom.

Application questions:

- 1. Why is it so difficult to maintain faith in trial and tribulation?

- 2. How is Joseph a model for keeping a fixed faith?

- 3. How will you commit to growing in your faith this week in a practical and provable way? Explain.

