

The Leadership Academy at Hope Chapel Kealapono
A Biblical View of The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People
Habit One: "Be Proactive" (continued)
Genesis 37-50
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Last week, we determined that Being Proactive comes down to two things. First, take responsibility for your life; and second, take initiative. No More Blaming! Be an agent, not a victim. Don't wait for life to happen to you; happen to it. Be the driver of your life, not just a passenger. Live out of your imagination, not your past.

This week, we look at Joseph, a man who chose to live PROACTIVELY, resulting in an INCREDIBLE and AWESOME LIFE amidst some pretty horrible circumstances. He did it by the loyal love and supernatural power of our God WHO IS GOOD!

- I. Last Week
 - A. Pavlov's Dog
 - B. What Happens Between Stimulus and Response?
 - C. Reaction and the Blame Game
 - D. Be Proactive: Take Responsibility for Your Life [2 Timothy 1:7]
 - 1. Demonic Spirits of Fear and Timidity
 - 2. God's Gift of His Power, His Love, and His Sound Mind (self-control) through Salvation in Jesus Christ [Romans 8:14-17]
 - E. The Other End of the Stick; Reaping What We Sow [Gal 6:7-9]
 - F. Making and Keeping Commitments [Matthew 5:37]
 - G. Be Proactive: Take Initiative [Deuteronomy 28:13]
- II. Joseph: A Life of Proactivity [Genesis 50: 15-21; Genesis 37-50]
 - A. A Proactive Life that Ends Well! [Genesis 50:15-21]

19 But Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. 21 No, don't be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children." So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

- B. Big Dreams, an Incredible Life Plan from God [Genesis 37:1-17]

5 "One night Joseph had a dream...9 Soon Joseph had another dream"

C. Sold – TWICE! [Genesis 37:18-36]

20 “Come on, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns. We can tell our father, ‘A wild animal has eaten him.’ 28 So when the Ishmaelites, who were Midianite traders, came by, Joseph’s brothers pulled him out of the cistern and sold him to them for twenty pieces[d] of silver. 36 Meanwhile, the Midianite traders arrived in Egypt, where they sold Joseph to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Potiphar was captain of the palace guard.

D. Proactive with Potiphar [Genesis 39:1-20]

2 The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. 9 No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God.”

E. Proactive in Prison [Genesis 39:21 – 41:13]

21 But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden. 23 The warden had no more worries, because Joseph took care of everything. The Lord was with him and caused everything he did to succeed.

F. Proactive with Pharaoh [Genesis 41:14-49]

16 “It is beyond my power to do this,” Joseph replied. “But God can tell you what it means and set you at ease.” 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has revealed the meaning of the dreams to you, clearly no one else is as intelligent or wise as you are. 40 You will be in charge of my court, and all my people will take orders from you. Only I, sitting on my throne, will have a rank higher than yours.”

G. Proactive with His Past [Genesis 41:50-57]

51 Joseph named his older son Manasseh, for he said, “God has made me forget all my troubles and everyone in my father’s family.” 52 Joseph named his second son Ephraim, for he said, “God has made me fruitful in this land of my grief.”

H. Proactive with Reconciliation [Genesis 42 – 50:14]

4 “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. 5 But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. 9 “Now hurry back to my father and tell him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me master over all the land of Egypt. So come down to me immediately! 10 You can live in the region of Goshen, where you can be near me with all your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and everything you own. 11 I will take care of you

III. Habit 1: “Be Proactive” [2 Timothy 1:7; Deuteronomy 28:13]