

The Blessed Life

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WEEK EIGHT: M.A.R.C.H. Madness

Always Under Construction

HISTORY: Joseph was Jesus' adoptive father and was a carpenter (Matthew 13:55). The Greek word "carpenter" is *teckton*, which means builder. Many people think of carpenters as those working with wood, building shelves, doors, tables, etc. However, since Israel's buildings, homes and winepresses were made of the local materials of stone and rocks, Jesus was most likely taught to be a stonemason, as well. He likely spent many hours shaping and cutting stones, as well as learning the trade of taking wood and forming it into something of use. There is no real evidence to clarify exactly what type of builder Joseph was, but we know that he was a *teckton* = Builder.

The Jewish culture of that time (1st century) required the father to teach his son his trade at age 12, and to find a wife for them around the age of 20. Joseph was a devout Jew and would have certainly adhered to this practice in teaching Jesus, at the age of 12, his trade of being a builder (*teckton*).

SIGNIFICANCE: Once a builder, always a builder! Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

1. Leaders are not _____, they are _____.

THE BUILDING OF A GREAT LEADER

GENESIS 50:20 – "As far as I am concerned, God turned into good what you meant for evil against me, for he brought me to this high position I have today so that I could save the lives of many people."

2. Joseph had a _____. (Genesis 37:1-11)
3. Joseph had a _____. (Genesis 37:23)
4. Joseph had a _____. (Genesis 39:5)
5. Joseph had a _____. (Genesis 39:7-12)
6. Joseph had a _____. (Genesis 41:14-16)
7. Joseph had a _____. (Genesis 41:37-46)
8. Joseph had _____. (Genesis 45:5)

Take time this week to reflect on what God is saying to you through this message!