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OVERCOME**

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Preface

Have you ever been on the receiving end of unfair practices? Have you ever found yourself in negative circumstances over which you had no control? You are not alone.

Listen to the morning news, and you will hear sad stories—family members abusing children, workers suffering sexual harassment, kidnappers snatching innocent victims, and people dying of malnutrition. These stories have been in the headlines for generations, dating back to Old Testament times. A Bible character named Joseph encountered all of these disheartening events.

Humanly speaking, Joseph had every right to view himself as a victim. His brothers abused and deserted him; his employer and employer's wife accused him unjustly; and he spent time in jail for a crime he didn't commit. If anyone had an excuse to become bitter, Joseph did!

Joseph is not alone in the misery department. Misery has the potential of invading your life at any time. Do any of these happenings sound familiar to you?

- A retiree learns that his retirement savings have been wiped out because of his company's mismanagement.
- A mother and young child die when a drunken driver crosses the median and hits their car.
- A young boy suffers relentless ridicule in school because of his size.
- A long-time employee suddenly loses his job due to a plant closing.
- A father of a young family suddenly discovers that he has a fast-developing cancer.

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As a member of the human race, you have plenty of opportunity to view yourself as a victim. This study will show you how Joseph responded to potentially devastating events. Circumstances did not conquer Joseph. Through his faith in the eternal plan of God, Joseph overcame seemingly negative circumstances. May Joseph's determination become your response. **Real men overcome!**