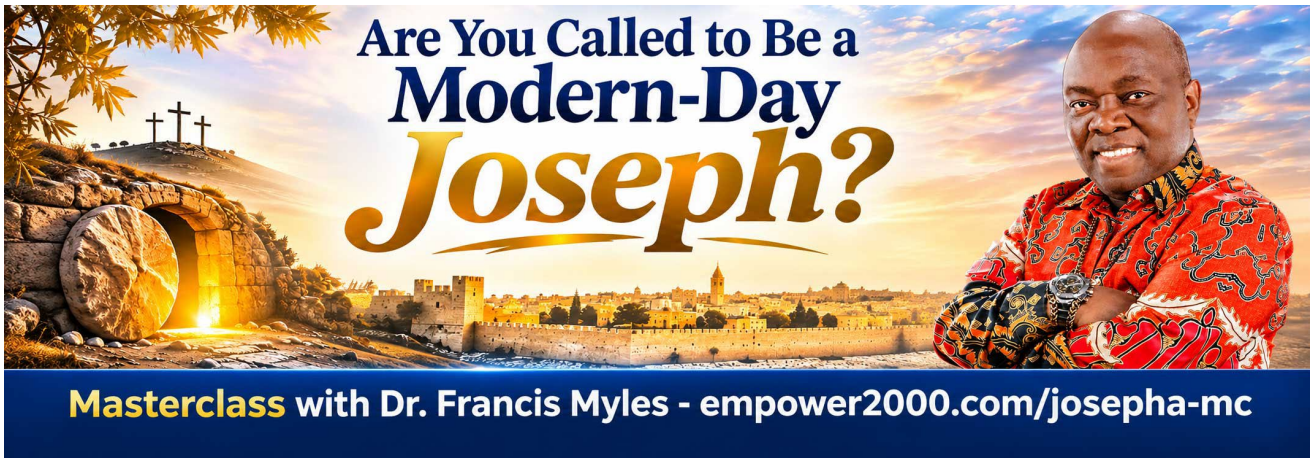


THE JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA CALLING

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Discovering God's higher purpose for resources, influence, and Kingdom impact

The central revelation

Joseph of Arimathea appears briefly in the Gospels, yet at the moment of Jesus' burial he used his position, courage, access, and personal resources for a historic Kingdom assignment. Dr. Myles presents his life as a model of purpose-driven wealth and influence.

Opening Scripture: Matthew 27:57–60

Read the account aloud. Notice four details: Joseph was wealthy; he was a disciple of Jesus; he approached Pilate; and he provided his own new tomb.

Opening questions

- Why would Scripture identify Joseph as a rich man and a disciple of Jesus?
- What did Joseph possess that could be used at this particular moment?
- Could your work, relationships, experience, or resources be part of a Kingdom assignment?

A. The tale of two Josephs

Genesis 39:2–6; 41:33–43; Matthew 27:57–60 • Book: Chapter 1

- Joseph in Egypt: wisdom, stewardship, leadership, and influence that preserved lives during crisis.
- Joseph of Arimathea: discipleship, wealth, access to authority, and decisive service to Jesus.
- Dr. Myles connects both lives through a pattern: resources and influence are entrusted for a purpose beyond personal advancement.

Reflect

Where has God already placed you—in a family, business, profession, ministry, or community—and who might be served through that placement?

B. Wealth is a tool; Kingdom purpose is the goal

Matthew 6:33; Psalm 35:27; Mark 8:36 • Book: Chapters 2 and 10

- The book asks, "Does God want me to be wealthy?" but repeatedly returns to the greater question: What is the righteous cause for which resources are needed?
- Joseph of Arimathea did not simply possess resources; he made them available when they mattered.
- Success without surrendered character and eternal perspective can become a spiritual danger.

Three diagnostic questions

1. What cause or need stirs my heart most deeply?

2. Which resources—money, time, knowledge, relationships, influence—have I already been entrusted with?

3. What would change if I viewed those resources as stewardship rather than ownership alone?

C. Your calling extends beyond the church building

Genesis 12:1–3; 1 Peter 2:9; Hebrews 7:1–3 • Book: Chapter 3

- Dr. Myles describes a "priesthood of the marketplace": believers bringing Kingdom values into commerce, leadership, civic life, and everyday work.

- His teaching on the Order of Melchizedek connects priestly identity with influence outside traditional ministry settings.
- A business, profession, or leadership position can become an avenue for blessing others.

Practical application

Name one setting outside a church gathering where you can represent Christ through integrity, generosity, wisdom, or service this week.

A moment of personal reflection

Complete this sentence: “Perhaps God has positioned me in _____ so that I can serve _____.”

D. The hidden disciple who stepped forward

Matthew 27:57–60; Mark 15:42–46; Luke 23:50–53; John 19:38–42 • Book: Chapters 4–6

- Joseph was not one of the best-known public disciples, but he acted decisively when Jesus’ body needed care.
- His access to Pilate mattered; so did his willingness to ask and his readiness to give.
- The book develops fourteen unique features of the Joseph of Arimathea calling. Today we glimpse a few, rather than unpacking the full framework.

Four features to notice today

DISCIPLESHIP — Joseph’s first allegiance was to Jesus.
COURAGE — He approached the governor at a sensitive moment.
INFLUENCE — His standing gave him access to a consequential decision-maker.
GENEROSITY — He supplied his own tomb and helped honor Jesus’ body.

The surprising connection: Isaiah 53:9

Dr. Myles calls attention to the connection between Jesus’ burial with the rich and Isaiah’s prophecy, presenting Joseph as a “prophecy fulfiller.” This is a central revelation to explore further in the course (Chapter 5).

E. A personal Kingdom assignment inventory

Pause for 2–3 minutes. Write one honest answer to each prompt.

- My current sphere of influence is: _____
- A resource or relationship I may be overlooking is: _____
- One courageous, Christ-honoring step I could take is: _____
- Someone who could benefit from that step is: _____

Discussion question

What if the next significant Kingdom breakthrough does not require a new title, but a new understanding of why God has placed you where you are?

F. From revelation to multiplication

Book: Chapters 6–9 • Preview of the complete course

The free masterclass introduces the calling. The full course can develop the deeper principles, discernment, and practical applications needed to walk it out faithfully.

What we have only begun to uncover

- The fourteen unique features Dr. Myles identifies in Joseph of Arimathea's life.
- The role of strategic relationships and political access (Chapter 6).
- The "7M Strategy" and spheres of cultural influence (Chapter 7).
- The book's tools for wealth creation and stewardship (Chapter 8).
- How to distinguish legitimate favor from bribery and corruption (Chapter 9).
- How to pursue Kingdom influence without losing your soul (Chapter 10).

Invitation to continue the journey

Today is an invitation to recognize that your life may carry a larger Kingdom assignment than you have imagined. The next step is not merely to learn more about Joseph of Arimathea, but to examine the biblical principles and practical decisions that shape a faithful modern-day Joseph.

Closing reflection and prayer

“Lord Jesus, show me what You have entrusted to me, why You have entrusted it, and how I can steward it for Your purposes. Give me the courage, wisdom, humility, and generosity to respond when You call. Amen.”

Take-home challenge

Before the next seven days are over, identify one concrete way to use an existing resource, relationship, or opportunity to serve a Kingdom purpose. Write down what you will do and when.

Source: Dr. Francis Myles, The Joseph of Arimathea Calling, revised edition (2016), especially Chapters 1–3, 5–10. This outline summarizes the author’s theological interpretations; some applications are discussion prompts developed for the masterclass.