

*From the Pit to the Palace*

Genesis 41 // March 26, 2023



**PREPARE YOUR  
HEART & MIND**

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

**REFLECT/CONNECT**

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?
- What's the most vivid dream you can remember?

**REFLECT/CONNECT**

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

**GROW IN THE  
WORD**

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.



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Pharaoh experienced consecutive troubling dreams. He looked for someone who could interpret them, and his cupbearer remembered Joseph. The cupbearer explained how Joseph interpreted his and the baker's dreams while they were in prison, and how Joseph's interpretations came to pass (v. 1-13).

- What clues in the text help you to understand Joseph's relationship towards God?
- How did Joseph avoid being swallowed up by bitterness and/or resentment through the years of unfair and unjust treatment he received? See Genesis 41:16, 25, 28, 51-52; Genesis 39:21.

Pharaoh explained his dreams to Joseph, and in turn, Joseph interpreted them while giving God the glory. Joseph explained that the dreams meant that God would bring about years of abundance and then years of famine in the land. Joseph also provided a plan that would save Egypt in the midst of the famine (v. 14-37).

- What do you observe about Joseph from these verses that you want to imitate?
- How would you summarize what it means to have discernment and wisdom based on the proposal Joseph presented to Pharaoh? Consider also Proverbs 2:6; 21:20; James 3:13, 17-18.

## GROW IN THE WORD

- To what degree can you relate to Joseph's ability to look ahead, plan, and prepare for good seasons and bad?

Pharaoh raised Joseph to be a ruler over Egypt, second in authority only to the Pharaoh. Thus, Joseph carried out the plan that would save Egypt from the famine. Over the years of abundance and famine, all that Joseph predicted came to pass, and he was blessed with a family while he continued to prosper (v. 38-57).

- What stands out to you about the names that Joseph chose for his two sons? Consider the reasons Joseph gave for both names and how they related to the hardships of his past.
- How do the hardships of your past shape the way you live your life in the present, and how do they inform your view of God?
- What thoughts, feelings, or behaviors do you want to change in light of this passage?

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FATHER DAUGHTER ROUNDUP

Saturday, April 22 | 5 - 8:30 pm

Dads, register now to join us for Texas-sized fun and an evening for you to invest in your relationship with your daughter. We've got an evening of fun activities planned!

#### EASTER READING GUIDE

Application Questions | Family Activities

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