



Series: Joseph the Harbinger of Jesus

Passage Genesis 39

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Discussion Starter

How would you describe your own life as a picture hidden in a picture?

The Test of Time (Genesis 40:1-23)

- Read Genesis 40:1-4. Who are these new prisoners and what reason might they have been sent to prison? God showed favor on Joseph and the keeper of the prison committed all the prisoners and put them under his authority. In what way do you think Joseph would have served these two new prisoners?
- What do you think is the key motivation to being a servant leader?
- Read Genesis 40:5-8. What do we notice about Joseph in the way he interacts with the butler and the baker? What can we learn from this passage about how God wants us to interact with the people He has placed around us?
- Read Genesis 40:9-23. What are some of the unique takeaways you see in these verses?
- Why do you think Joseph asks the butler to make a request to pharaoh to release him? Why do you think God does not immediately honor this request and why is that important? Read Mark 14:32-36. What additional insights do we gain from the reading of these verses?
- If you were in Joseph's predicament how would you pray? Read Matthew 6:8 and Luke 12:29-31. In your own words describe the key points you see in these verses and how they should apply to our prayers.

God Has Given Us a Giant Prophecy of Jesus (Genesis 41:1-57)

- Read Genesis 41:1-17. What do these verses tell us about how God sees time and the impact of Joseph's faithful life on others? How can we apply this to our own lives?
- Read Genesis 41:18-36. What do you see as unique about the interpretation that Joseph gives to pharaoh about his dream as compared to the interpretations of the butler's and the baker's dream?
- Read Genesis 41:37-57. What are all the parallels you see being revealed of the prophecy of Jesus through the life of Joseph?
- How was Joseph's faith so strong? Do you think he was given the full interpretation of his own dream? Why or why not?
- As Christians we have so much more of the God's written word including the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. What do you think we still struggle trusting God with our lives especially in difficult situations?

