



Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis 41:1- 46

Title: Joseph, God Builds a Man, Part 5

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Discussion Starter –What have you learned from the example in the bible from the life of Joseph about waiting on God’s timing and plan for your life?

Read Genesis 41:1-8

- 1) How do you think Pharaoh felt during the first part of his dream about the healthy fat cows as it relates to himself and the Egyptian culture?
- 2) What was different about the second part of the first dream, by how the ugly gaunt cow’s actions are described? What do you think their actions represent and caused Pharaoh to wake up?
- 3) In Pharaoh’s second dream, it speaks of a stock of grain where there are first 7 plump and good heads and later there are 7 thin heads. What happens to the thin heads and what does this signify?
- 4) What symbolism might be represented by both dreams together in the Egyptian culture?
- 5) Who does Pharaoh go to first to interpret his dream and what does he soon realize about his wise men? Read Psalm 135:15-18. Discuss the insights gained from this passage.
- 6) How do you think God feels when His creation makes gods out of the created things He has made?
 - a) The Egyptians had a pantheon of false gods they worshiped. What are some of the common idols we make today in this day and age? Where do you turn to get your knowledge and counsel?
 - b) If we want truth and we want life, we know we have to worship Jesus. In your own words how do we practically go about our day, making Jesus Lord of our lives?

Read Genesis 41:8-46

- 7) What did the butler remember about his faults and what does that reveal about his character?
- 8) Who does Joseph say can interpret Pharaoh’s dream and why is this important in this story?
- 9) Summarize in your own words the interpretation God gives Joseph of the Pharaoh’s dream.
- 10) Joseph had been through a ton of hardship in his life. Why do you think God allow all these bad things happen in Joseph’s life? What was God’s goal in Joseph’s life? Read Romans 8:28-29.
- 11) Describe how God is now lifting up Joseph in position and stature. What prophetic foreshadows of Jesus do you see now in the life of Joseph?
 - c) What vision did God give to Joseph for His plan? What vision has God given to you as to His plan for your life? Read 1 Timothy 3:8-13. What do you see is the importance of being tested?
 - d) The timing of the LORD is often not what we would like. Read 1 Peter 5:6-11. How do these verses speak to you as walk out a life of faith in Jesus Christ?