



Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis 41:46- 42:26

Title: Joseph, God Builds a Man, Part 4

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Discussion Starter –After 22 years Joseph is reunited with his brothers. Because they do not recognize him Joseph can act in merciless vengeance or in full immediate forgiveness without accountability to anyone. How does he choose to proceed with his brothers? Why? How do you think you would react if you were in Joseph's shoes?

Read Genesis 41:46- 41:57

- 1) How many years did Joseph spend as a slave or prisoner? How did his behavior change during that time?
- 2) What is the prophetic significance of Joseph's gentile wife? Of the names of his sons?
- 3) What is the prophetic significance of the 7 years of plenty and the 7 years of famine?
- 4) How had God prepared Joseph for this position?
 - a) What position is God preparing you to fill? How is He working in your life today?

Read Genesis 42:1-20

- 5) Why did Jacob not send Benjamin to Egypt with his brothers?
- 6) Read Romans 11:8. What is the prophetic significance of the brother's recognition of Joseph?
- 7) What might Joseph have realized when he remembered his dream of the sheaves owing down?
- 8) Why did Joseph speak harshly to the brothers? What might have been a likely emotional reaction?
- 9) What was Joseph able to learn as he remained discrete about his identity?
 - b) How do you act with wisdom when suddenly faced with an emotionally charged situation?
- 10) What was the wisdom in placing the brothers in prison for 3 days (v 15), by the life of Pharaoh?
- 11) Why did Joseph change his plan for the brothers in verse 19? What do the brothers learn about Joseph from his statements and actions?

Read Genesis 42:21-26

- 12) How have Joseph's actions allowed the brothers to recognize their guilt more acutely?
- 13) What is the only proper response to guilt?
- 14) What do we learn about Joseph as we see him weep in verse 24 and his provision of grain in verse 25?
 - c) What can you learn from this passage about healing broken relationships in your life?
 - d) Why must forgiveness precede reconciliation?