

God's Faithfulness



MEMORY VERSE: "Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think." Ephesians 3:20



GENESIS 41:37-44

Second-in-Command

1. What did Pharaoh notice about Joseph? vv. 37-39
2. What did Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of? How was Joseph to be treated?
3. Joseph moved from being a slave to second-in-command under Pharaoh. How do you think God used Joseph's journey to prepare him for this great promotion?



GENESIS 41:45-52

Abundance

4. Read verses 47-49. Did Joseph's interpretations of Pharaoh's dreams come true? What does this tell us about God?
5. How did Joseph show good stewardship with the abundance of grain God gave Egypt?
6. What do you learn about his new family? vv. 50-52 What do the names of Joseph's sons tell you about God's faithfulness to him?



7. What happened after seven years of good crops in Egypt?

8. How did Joseph help all the people of Egypt?

9. God, in His perfect wisdom selected the place and time when Joseph's release from prison would serve him best. What can you learn from this?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

God is faithful! God has a plan for your life and through the ups and the downs, He is there for you. Like Joseph, He will fulfill His promises to you and bring His plans to completion.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God, Thank you for caring enough about me to have a plan for my life and making promises to take care of me. Help me to remember that You are there for me when life gets hard. I pray you will use me to bring You glory in all things. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



In this lesson, we begin to see God's plan for Egypt and Joseph unfolding. What does this show you about the magnitude of what God can do for his glory and his followers?



Genesis 41:37-57 (NLT)

Joseph Made Ruler of Egypt

37 Joseph's suggestions were well received by Pharaoh and his officials. 38 So Pharaoh asked his officials, "Can we find anyone else like this man so obviously filled with the spirit of God?" 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has revealed the meaning of the dreams to you, clearly no one else is as intelligent or wise as you are. 40 You will be in charge of my court, and all my people will take orders from you. Only I, sitting on my throne, will have a rank higher than yours."

41 Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the entire land of Egypt." 42 Then Pharaoh removed his signet ring from his hand and placed it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in fine linen clothing and hung a gold chain around his neck. 43 Then he had Joseph ride in the chariot reserved for his second-in-command. And wherever Joseph went, the command was shouted, "Kneel down!" So Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of all Egypt. 44 And Pharaoh said to him, "I am Pharaoh, but no one will lift a hand or foot in the entire land of Egypt without your approval."

45 Then Pharaoh gave Joseph a new Egyptian name, Zaphenath-paneah. He also gave him a wife, whose name was Asenath. She was the daughter of Potiphera, the priest of On. So Joseph took charge of the entire land of Egypt. 46 He was thirty years old when he began serving in the court of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. And when Joseph left Pharaoh's presence, he inspected the entire land of Egypt. 47 As predicted, for seven years the land produced bumper crops. 48 During those years, Joseph gathered all the crops grown in Egypt and stored the grain from the surrounding fields in the cities. 49 He piled up huge amounts of grain like sand on the seashore. Finally, he stopped keeping records because there was too much to measure. 50 During this time, before the first of the famine years, two sons were born to Joseph and his wife, Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera, the priest of On. 51 Joseph named his older son Manasseh, for he said, "God has made me forget all my troubles and everyone in my father's family." 52 Joseph named his second son Ephraim, for he said, "God has made me fruitful in this land of my grief."

53 At last the seven years of bumper crops throughout the land of Egypt came to an end. 54 Then the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had predicted. The famine also struck all the surrounding countries, but throughout Egypt there was plenty of food. 55 Eventually, however, the famine spread throughout the land of Egypt as well. And when the people cried out to Pharaoh for food, he told them, "Go to Joseph, and do whatever he tells you." 56 So with severe famine everywhere, Joseph opened up the storehouses and distributed grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout the land of Egypt. 57 And people from all around came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph because the famine was severe throughout the world.

Stewardship - the careful and responsible management of taking care of something

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