

Dreamer: The Life of Joseph **A Study in Genesis 37-50**

Pharaoh's Dreams
Genesis 41:1-36
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"It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer."
- Genesis 41:16

I. PHARAOH'S TWO DREAMS (Vss. 1-8)

- The cupbearer forgot about Joseph for two years (Vs. 1). Man sometimes forgets. God never forgets.
- Pharaoh has two troubling dreams (Vss. 1-8).

II. THE CUPBEARER REMEMBERS (Vss. 9-13)

- God's timing is always perfect (Galatians 4:4-5).
- We can only receive what God gives us (John 3:27).
- When we trust God is always in control, always good, always all-wise and his timing is always perfect, we have joy and peace (Romans 15:13).
- When we try to control and manipulate things, we do not have joy and peace and we sin in our thoughts, words, actions and motives.

III. GOD RESCUES JOSEPH FROM THE PIT AGAIN (Vss. 14-24)

- Joseph humbly gives God the glory for interpreting dreams (Vs. 16).
- How unwise it is to look for answers from the world instead of God's word (1 Corinthians 1:20).

IV. JOSEPH EXPLAINS PHARAOH'S DREAMS (Vss. 25-32)

- Pharaoh's dreams are merciful and gracious warnings from God (Vss. 25-32).

V. GOD GIVES JOSEPH GREAT WISDOM (Vss. 33-36)

- God, in his perfect timing, has started to exalt Joseph for God's glory.
- Acting preventatively is a wise thing (Proverbs 30:25).
- Be a blessing to all people (Galatians 6:10).

KNOW: God is always in control, always good, always all-wise, and his timing is always perfect. When you trust God, you will glorify him and have joy and peace.

DO: Trust that God is always in control, always good, always all-wise, and his timing is always perfect. Do not try to control and manipulate.

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Genesis 41:1-36

1. What is your biggest take away point of application from the sermon?
2. How should we respond when people forget (or do not do) something they said they would do? How do you usually respond?
3. Describe a time in your life when you struggled (or are now struggling) to trust God's perfect timing. What are some heart motives that get in the way of you trusting God's timing?
4. Describe a time in the past when you saw that God's timing was perfect and yours was not. How can you give hope to others who are struggling with God's timing? What would you tell them about who God is and his promises?
5. The Bible is clear that God's word is sufficient for our sin struggles and trials (John 17:17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). So, if a professing Christian goes to the world and its "wisdom" for help what does this say about their view of the Bible and thus their view of God?
6. What can you do now to learn to trust that God is always in control, always good, always all-wise, and that his timing is perfect so that this trust can help you now and in the future?