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Life Group Questions



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- ✚ **Head:** God may not come when you want Him, but He's always on time.
- ✚ Let us be a unique type of God's people, who take no credit for our **competencies** or **charisma**, but rather give all glory to God.
- ✚ God is sovereign over the **past**, **present**, and **future**.
(Genesis 41:1-36)



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- ✚ **Heart:** Joseph waited 13 years for God's promise to be fulfilled while enduring slavery and false imprisonment. What circumstance are you currently waiting on God to move in, and how does Joseph's story **challenge** or **encourage** your perspective on God's timing versus your own?
- ✚ When Pharaoh praised Joseph's gift for dream interpretation, Joseph immediately redirected all credit to God, saying 'I cannot, but God can.' In what areas of your life do you **struggle** to give God glory instead of taking credit for your competencies and accomplishments?
- ✚ The sermon distinguishes between Kronos time (chronological) and Kairos time (God's appointed timing). How does understanding this distinction **change** the way you pray and approach situations where God seems silent or delayed? **(Genesis 41:1-36)**



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- ✚ **Heart:** Joseph spoke truth to power by telling Pharaoh that the true God, not the Egyptian pantheon, would reveal the dream's meaning. When have you had to speak truth to authority figures, and what gave you or could give you the **courage** to do so without flinching?
- ✚ The pattern of Joseph receiving and losing garments throughout his story symbolizes his promotion and demotion. What symbolic 'garments' or identities have you worn in different seasons, and how has God used both your promotions and demotions to **shape** you?
- ✚ Pharaoh's dream about the Nile River was deeply significant because Egypt's entire economy and survival depended on it. What are the 'Nile Rivers' in your life—the things your security and identity rest upon—and how might God be calling you to **trust** Him more than these sources of provision?

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✚ **Hands:** Choose ONE of the following to practice this week:

✚ Option 1: Practice Deflecting Glory

✚ When someone compliments you or recognizes your abilities this week, intentionally give credit to God. Notice how it feels and what responses you receive.

✚ Option 2: Wait Expectantly

✚ Identify one area where you're waiting on God. Each day this week, pray specifically about that situation and journal what God is teaching you in the waiting.

✚ Option 3: Speak Truth Boldly

✚ Ask God for one opportunity this week to speak truth (with grace) in a difficult situation. Prepare your heart to do so without flinching.

✚ Option 4: Prepare for the Future

✚ Like Joseph counseled Pharaoh to prepare during abundance for the coming famine, identify one area of your life where you need to be more intentional about preparation (spiritual, financial, relational, etc.)

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Five Day Devotional

Day 1: When God's Timing Doesn't Match Ours

Reading: Genesis 41:1-13; Psalm 27:13-14

✚ Devotional: Joseph waited thirteen years—from age seventeen to thirty—for God's promise to unfold. Two additional years passed in prison after the cupbearer forgot him. Yet God's delay wasn't denial; it was divine preparation. The difference between Kronos time (chronological) and Kairos time (God's appointed moment) reveals a profound truth: God doesn't watch the clock while orchestrating your destiny. He waits for the perfect convergence of circumstances, character development, and kingdom purposes. Your waiting isn't wasted time—it's sanctified preparation. Like Joseph, you may not feel God working, but He never stops. Trust that your setbacks are actually setups for something greater than you can imagine.

✚ Reflection: What situation have you been waiting on God to resolve? How might this season be preparing you for something greater?

Day 2: Giving God the Glory

Reading: Genesis 41:14-16; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

✚ Devotional: When Pharaoh acknowledged Joseph's reputation for interpreting dreams, Joseph had his one shot—his opportunity to secure freedom. Yet he immediately deflected credit: "I cannot do it, but God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer." This wasn't false humility; it was theological conviction. Joseph understood that every gift, talent, and ability flows from God's hand. In a culture obsessed with personal branding and self-promotion, Joseph's response challenges us profoundly. What would change if we consistently attributed our successes, skills, and accomplishments to God's grace rather than our effort? True spiritual maturity isn't found in how much we achieve, but in how quickly we redirect praise heavenward. Your competencies are God's gifts—stewarded by you, but sourced in Him.

✚ Reflection: When someone compliments your abilities, how do you respond? Practice redirecting praise to God this week.

Day 3: Speaking Truth to Power

Reading: Genesis 41:25-32; Daniel 4:27; Acts 4:18-20

✚ Devotional: Joseph stood before a man considered divine—a son of the gods in Egyptian theology—and boldly declared that the one true God would reveal the dream's meaning. As a foreign slave with no social capital, Joseph risked everything by challenging the Egyptian pantheon. Yet he didn't flinch. Speaking truth to power requires courage rooted in conviction. When you know whom you serve, human authority loses its intimidation factor. Joseph's steel spine came from knowing he would ultimately stand before God to give account for his life. Whether addressing a CEO, politician, or influential leader, our allegiance to truth must supersede our desire for approval. God honors those who honor Him, even when—especially when—it costs us something.

✚ Reflection: Where might God be calling you to speak truth courageously, regardless of potential consequences?

Day 4: Wisdom Beyond Your Years

Reading: Genesis 41:33-36; James 1:5-8; Proverbs 2:1-11

✚ Devotional: Joseph didn't just interpret Pharaoh's dream—he provided a comprehensive strategic plan to save Egypt from catastrophe. This wasn't aged wisdom; Joseph was only thirty. His insight came from sitting at God's feet through years of hardship. True wisdom isn't accumulated through life experience alone; it's downloaded through intimate communion with God. When we prioritize time with the Lord—especially in seasons of waiting and difficulty—He deposits divine understanding that transcends our natural capabilities. Joseph's counsel to "put something away for a rainy day" reveals practical wisdom rooted in spiritual discernment. God wants to make you wise beyond your years, equipping you to lead your family, workplace, and community with insight that can only come from Him.

✚ Reflection: How consistently are you sitting at Jesus' feet? What practical wisdom might God want to give you for current challenges?

Day 5: God's Sovereignty Over Past, Present, and Future

Reading: Genesis 41:28-32; Isaiah 46:9-11; Romans 8:28

✚ Devotional: God gave Pharaoh a fourteen-year advance notice—seven years of abundance followed by seven years of famine. This wasn't merely prediction; it was divine sovereignty on display. God orchestrates history according to His purposes, positioning His people strategically for kingdom impact. Joseph's entire journey—the betrayal, slavery, false accusation, and imprisonment—positioned him to save not just Egypt, but his own family and God's covenant people. What seemed like random tragedy was actually divine choreography. God is sovereign over your past disappointments, your present circumstances, and your unknown future. He's weaving a story larger than your individual experience, using even your setbacks to accomplish His redemptive purposes. Trust Him completely—He's never stopped working on your behalf.

✚ Reflection: Looking back, where can you now see God's sovereign hand in situations that once felt purposeless or painful?



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