



**JANUARY THEME**

# Live Life God's Way

With God  
we can live with:

- ASSURANCE
- TRUST
- HOPE
- FAITH

## **January Theme:**

**Live Life God's Way**

## **Monthly Memory Verse:**

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." - **Romans 8:37** (ESV)

## **Monthly Challenge Verse:**

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men..."  
- **Colossians 3:23** (ESV)

## **January 22<sup>nd</sup> | Life Application:**

**Live your life with hope!**

**Parents:** after listening to the sermon, take some time during the week to have great conversations with your kids. Read **pages 103-108 together in The Action Bible**, and use **Genesis 41:1-38** in your Bible for reference.

1. **Review:** In prison, Joseph helped the cup bearer by interpreting his dreams. **What did he ask the cupbearer to do?** (*To remember him to the Pharaoh.*) **When the cup bearer had the opportunity, did he do what Joseph asked?** (*No, he forgot.*)
2. In **Genesis 41:1-13**, after Joseph had been in prison for 10 years, something happened to remind the cup bearer to tell the Pharaoh about Joseph. **What was it?** (*The Pharaoh had 2 dreams that he wanted interpreted.*) Read **verses 1-7** and discuss the Pharaoh's dreams. What do you think they meant?
3. After the cupbearer tells the Pharaoh about Joseph, the Pharaoh asks for Joseph to be brought to him. Read **verse 15**. **What did the Pharaoh hear that Joseph could do?** (*Interpret dreams.*) **What was Joseph's answer?** (**Verse 16** - *That he could not do it, but that God could give Pharaoh his answer through Joseph.*)
4. Joseph told Pharaoh the meaning of the dreams. He said they both meant the same thing - that there would be seven years of great plenty in the land, followed by seven years of famine. **What do you think it would be like in the years of plenty? And, how about the years of famine?**
5. Read **verse 32**. Joseph explained to Pharaoh why God had sent the dreams. **Why did God do this?** (*To let Pharaoh know that God had already decided this would happen, it would be fixed and would happen soon.*) God also had Joseph tell Pharaoh what he needed to do. Read **verses 33-36**. **What did Joseph tell the Pharaoh to do?** (*To store up during the seven years of plenty, so that Egypt would have plenty of food for the years of famine.*) He also told the Pharaoh to look for a special man to manage all of this - see **verse 33**. **What qualities did the man need to have to do this?** (*He needed to be discerning and wise.*)
6. Next week, we will discover how **God's Providence** put all of the pieces in place for Joseph to be in authority in Egypt, and also save his people (and God's people), the Jews. **What do you think God's Providence means?** Let kids offer their thoughts, then read this definition of Providence:

*God's caring provision for his people as he guides them in their journey of faith through life, accomplishing his purpose in them.*

## Points to Remember:

- God's Providence was in:
  - The **Pit** (where Joseph's brothers threw him)
  - In **Potiphar's** house (where he was put in charge and then accused)
  - In the **Prison** (where he continued to work hard and to trust)
  - In the **Pause** (where he had to wait 10 years)
  - Now, in Genesis 41, to the **Pharaoh** (where God would give him authority)
- Joseph was humble - "It's not me, it's all God."
- God's plans are fixed (**Verse 32**) and we can trust and have HOPE in His Providence.
- The Spirit of God was living in Joseph and lives in us - wherever we are.

## Family Challenge:

Have your kids decorate the word HOPE on large index cards. Say: *"Joseph had HOPE and trusted in God's Providence. **What do you think he hoped for?**" (To get out of prison, to be able to go home, to be able to see his family, to serve God in a special way.)*

Ask your kids to talk about things they HOPE to have happen in their lives. Be sure and discuss your hopes and dreams through your life as well. Remind them that Joseph worked hard and served God well with everything he did in his life. They can live that kind of life, too!

*"But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."* **Romans 8:25**

*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."* **Romans 12:12**

## Prayer:

*Dear God, Thank You for showing us that we can have HOPE in You and that we can trust in Your Providence over our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen*