

Series: Trust, a study in Genesis

Sermon: Trusting God When Things are Fine

Primary Text: Genesis 41

Discussion Guide:

- How can times of prosperity be more dangerous to trust in God than times of adversity?
- Read Genesis 41:15-16
 - What strikes you about Joseph's response?
 - Why do you think he said this?
 - What risks do you think he took in doing so?
 - Review Genesis 40:8.
 - How is similar to Joseph's reply to Pharaoh?
 - During our times of prosperity, how can we do what Joseph does?
- Read 1 Timothy 6:17.
 - Does God want you to enjoy your prosperity? Why or why not?
 - What does Paul warn against doing?
 - What does it mean to put your hope in your prosperity?
- Read the rest of Genesis 41 or summarize.
 - What did Joseph go on to do?
 - How did he serve people with his prosperity?
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:11.
 - What does this say about why God blesses us?
 - What are some ways in which you are prosperous and how can you use those to serve others?
- How did Joseph prepare Egypt for the famine that was coming?
 - How can you prepare in your time of prosperity for difficult times without being cynical or paranoid?