

When God Decides It's Time

Scripture: Genesis 41:1–13

Introduction

Waiting is rarely easy. At first, it feels manageable, but as time stretches on, days turn into weeks, weeks into months, and months into years. Long seasons of waiting shape how we think, how we pray, and even how we trust God. Genesis 41 reminds us that delay don't last forever. It often means He is preparing something great to take place.

Main Movements

1. The D

- **Key Scripture:** Genesis 41:1
- Joseph received God-given dreams at seventeen, yet waited over thirteen years to see them fulfilled.
- God revealed *what* He would do, but not *when* He would do it.
- Delay is not denial; it is preparation.

2. The D

- **Key Scripture:** Genesis 41:1–8
- God disrupted Pharaoh through troubling dreams and exposed the limits of human wisdom.
- Egypt's wisest men had no answers, showing that man-centered solutions always fall short.
- God often disrupts systems before He delivers servants.

3. The D

- **Key Scripture:** Genesis 41:9–13
 - Joseph is remembered only after every other option fails.
 - Truth spoken faithfully in a prison cell is later echoed in a palace.
 - Truth rises to the top, and God brings clarity before He brings deliverance.
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Application

• **For Unbelievers:**

God revealed truth through Joseph, but that truth ultimately points to Jesus Christ. Christ is the greater Truth-Teller who was rejected, crucified, and raised at the appointed time. Turn to Him today, because when God decides it is time, the opportunity to respond will be gone.

• **For Believers:**

If you are waiting, do not lose heart. God is working in you and through you, even when nothing seems to be changing. Keep trusting, keep obeying, and keep walking faithfully. Your delay is His preparation.