



Providence in the Palace – Genesis 41-43

1. Read Genesis 41:1-8. Joseph has been forgotten for two full years while Pharaoh's dreams arrive right on time. Where in your life does it feel like God is late, and how does this passage challenge that feeling?
2. In Genesis 41:15-16, Joseph gives God all the credit for interpreting dreams. How does his humility in a big moment compare to how you handle attention, affirmation, or success?
3. Pharaoh promotes Joseph from prison to second in command in a single day (Genesis 41:39-43). When have you seen God open a door you could not have forced open yourself? How did it change your trust in Him?
4. In Genesis 42:21-22, Joseph's brothers connect their present trouble to their past sin against him. What does this reveal about the way unresolved guilt sits in the human heart? Is there anything in your past you still fear God will "bring up"?
5. Joseph secretly returns the brothers' money and gives them grain (Genesis 42:25-28). They receive grace and feel panic instead of peace. Why do you think grace can feel scary when we know we do not deserve it?
6. Read Genesis 43:8-14. Judah steps up to take responsibility for Benjamin's safety and Jacob finally entrusts what he fears losing most. What might it look like for you to entrust your "Benjamin" to God this week?
7. When Joseph sees Benjamin, he is overwhelmed with emotion but still holds back full disclosure (Genesis 43:29-31). How does this slow, intentional process of testing and blessing show that God's providence is aimed at heart change, not just happy endings?



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