

Study Guide: Big Moves 2026 — Ride It Out, Ride Out His Word

The Life of Joseph

1. Lesson Summary & Objective

This lesson examines how God’s Word, once spoken, carries the power to mature and fulfill itself over time. Through the life of Joseph, we see that divine promises are not dependent on speed, circumstance, or human timing, but on endurance and faithfulness.

Objective: To equip participants to patiently steward God’s Word through every season—initiation, testing, understanding, and fulfillment—until it fully manifests.

2. Key Scripture Passages

- Ecclesiastes 9:11
- Isaiah 34:16
- Genesis 37:5, 9–10, 18–20
- Genesis 39:2, 9, 20–21
- Genesis 40:8
- Genesis 41:16, 40–41
- Genesis 50:20

3. Lesson Points & Small Group Discussion

A. Sprinters vs. Long-Distance Runners

Ecclesiastes 9:11 reveals that speed, talent, and strength alone do not guarantee success. Sprinters represent gifting and quick momentum, while long-distance runners represent endurance and discipline. God’s promises favor those who can remain faithful when conditions change.

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 9:11

1. Where have you relied more on talent than endurance in your walk with God?
2. What helps you remain faithful when progress feels slow?

B. Initiation — Receiving the Word

Joseph received a dream long before he was prepared to carry its fulfillment. Initiation brings vision without explanation. God often reveals destination before process, and His Word marks a person before it promotes them.

Scriptures: Genesis 37:5, 9–10, 18–20

3. How has God’s Word set you apart from others?
4. What resistance followed obedience in your life?

C. Integrity — Protecting the Word

Integrity preserves God's promise when circumstances attempt to destroy it. Joseph's obedience in hardship shows that God's presence does not remove difficulty—it sustains the Word through it.

Scriptures: Genesis 39:2, 9, 20–21

5. What compromises tempt you when obedience becomes costly?
6. How does integrity protect God's promise in difficult seasons?

D. Interpretation — Understanding the Word

Understanding comes with timing. Joseph carried the Word before he understood it. God releases clarity after faithfulness, teaching humility and dependence before revelation.

Scriptures: Genesis 40:8; 41:16

7. Why does God often delay explanation but not instruction?
8. How does humility prepare us for revelation?

E. Influence — Living the Word

After years of obedience, fulfillment came suddenly. Joseph's influence preserved nations, showing that God's Word tests us before it trusts us.

Scriptures: Genesis 41:40–41; 50:20

9. How has God used past trials to prepare you for influence?
10. How can authority be stewarded without entitlement?

Closing Reflection

Big moves are born through long obedience. God's Word survives pits, prisons, and delays—and it always arrives. Ride it out.