

“Joseph in Jail” • Genesis 39:20–40:7

Mt. Lassen Community Church • November 23, 2025

Intro • What are your big takeaways from Joseph’s story so far?

Opening Text: Genesis 41:51–52 • Later in Joseph’s story, he looks back over his years troubles and considers all that God has done. He names his two sons in recognition of God’s faithfulness...

Manasseh = _____

Ephraim = _____

Big Idea • Looking back, Joseph wouldn’t have changed a thing. What did God do to make all the difference in those hard times?

Discuss • Do you have a hard season of your life that you look back on—and wouldn’t change a thing? Why?

39:20 • What was Joseph’s jail like? (Genesis 41:14) _____

Vs 21 • The most important thing about the jail was that God was with

Joseph and gave him _____

#1 • God changes the _____ of our circumstances.

We are not defined by our *trials*, but by our _____

The question isn’t *where* you are, but *who* you are _____

Vs 22–23 • Instead of just biding his time, Joseph makes the best of it!

#2 • God offers _____ in our circumstances.

Joseph’s name means: _____

Connection to Jesus → Let Jesus be your “Joseph, the Steward” = turn everything in your life over to Jesus—let Him manage and prosper it!

40:1–3 • God knew where Joseph’s challenges were taking him—to an eventual meeting with Pharaoh; but this took 13 years!

#3 • God knows the _____, so we need not worry in our circumstances.

You never know how God might be changing your trajectory in your trials, and what His big plan might be, so don’t freak out!

Vs 4 • “Joseph was put in charge of the prisoners, and he took care of them” → he led them by serving them!

#4 • God gives us a different _____ in our circumstances

This is “Jesus–Style” leadership, and it is how Joseph takes hold of God’s new *perspective*, *prosperity*, and *plan* in his trials. In every stage of his journey, Joseph’s *job* is the same: a steward and servant, caring for the needs and property of others. (**Luke 22:24–26**)

“And they were in confinement *for some time*,” → We never know how long “some time” will be!

#5 • God’s sovereignty gives us _____ in our circumstances.

“God has the plan for our future, but His will for us is that we live today intentionally on mission for Him. The future is God’s business, but today is our responsibility.”

Vs 5–7 • Under Joseph, it was unusual for the prisoners to be _____

#6 • God offers His _____, bringing joy in our circumstances (Psalm 16:11)

Reflect • Does your expression communicate the presence of God in your life? Why or why not?

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MOMENTARY, LIGHT AFFLICTION IS
PRODUCING FOR US AN ETERNAL
WEIGHT OF GLORY FAR BEYOND ALL
COMPARISON

Today's Sermon —

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