

Genesis 40:6–8 (ESV) <sup>6</sup>When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. <sup>7</sup>So he asked Pharaoh’s officers who were with him in custody in his master’s house, “Why are your faces downcast today?” <sup>8</sup>They said to him, “We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them.” And Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me.”

Genesis 40:14–15, 23 (ESV) <sup>14</sup>Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. <sup>15</sup>For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit.” ..... <sup>23</sup>Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

Life Principle: God’s People Need To Keep Trusting In God Despite Difficulties, Disappointments, And Delays.

Genesis 41:14–16 (ESV) <sup>14</sup>Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. <sup>15</sup>And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.” <sup>16</sup>Joseph answered Pharaoh, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.”

Genesis 41:28 (ESV) <sup>28</sup>It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do.

Genesis 41:33 (ESV)<sup>33</sup>Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt.

Life Principle: People Will Benefit From Knowing God’s Word Only If They Also Apply God’s Word.

Genesis 42:6–9 (ESV) <sup>6</sup>Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph’s brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. “Where do you come from?” he said. They said, “From the land of Canaan, to buy food.” <sup>8</sup>And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. <sup>9</sup>And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, “You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land.”

Genesis 42:17–25 (ESV) <sup>17</sup>And he put them all together in custody for three days. <sup>18</sup>On the third day Joseph said to them, “Do this and you will live, for I fear God: <sup>19</sup>if you are honest men, let one of your brothers remain confined where you are in custody, and let the rest go and carry grain for the famine of your

households, <sup>20</sup>and bring your youngest brother to me. So your words will be verified, and you shall not die.” And they did so. <sup>21</sup>Then they said to one another, “In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us.” <sup>22</sup>And Reuben answered them, “Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood.” <sup>23</sup>They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them. <sup>24</sup>Then he turned away from them and wept. And he returned to them and spoke to them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes. <sup>25</sup>And Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, and to replace every man’s money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. This was done for them.

**Life Principle: God Arranges The Circumstances Of Life To Lead Us To Repentance When We Have Sinned.**

Genesis 43:33–44:2 (ESV) <sup>33</sup>And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth. And the men looked at one another in amazement. <sup>34</sup>Portions were taken to them from Joseph’s table, but Benjamin’s portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank and were merry with him. <sup>1</sup>Then he commanded the steward of his house, “Fill the men’s sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man’s money in the mouth of his sack, <sup>2</sup>and put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain.” And he did as Joseph told him.

Genesis 44:33 (ESV) Judah Speaking: <sup>33</sup>Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a servant to my lord, and let the boy go back with his brothers.

**Life Principle: God Arranges The Circumstances Of Life To Test If Our Repentance Is Genuine And Has Therefore Resulted In Changed Behavior.**