

The Waiting List: Lessons from Joseph

Objective:

Explore how God's timing and purposes unfold through Joseph's life, teaching us to trust His promises and prepare for our own callings.

1. Open in Prayer

2. Key Scripture: Romans 8:28; Genesis 37–45

- **Romans 8:28:** *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”*

- **Joseph's Story Highlights:**

1. **Dreams & Betrayal** (Gen 37:5–24)
 2. **Potiphar's House & Prison** (Gen 39:2–23)
 3. **Interpreting Pharaoh's Dreams** (Gen 41:15–41)
 4. **Reunion & Provision** (Gen 42:6–45:5)
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3. Context & Overview

- **God's Waiting List:** We often endure seasons of hardship—not as abandonment, but preparation.
 - **Joseph's Journey:** Though sold into slavery and imprisoned, God was arranging His family's future rescue through Joseph's rise to power.
 - **Key Principle:** God's promises never expire; He uses our trials to position us for His greater purposes.
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4. Discussion Questions

1. **Romans 8:28** tells us God works all things for good. How does Joseph's life illustrate this promise?
 2. In **Gen 37**, Joseph's dreams anger his brothers. Have you experienced premature visions or callings that others didn't understand? How did you respond?
 3. In **Gen 39**, despite sinless obedience, Joseph suffers. What does this teach about faithfulness when outcomes seem unfair?
 4. When Joseph credits God for interpreting dreams (**Gen 41:15–16**), what can we learn about humility and attributing gifts to God?
 5. In **Gen 45:4–5**, Joseph forgives his brothers and reveals God's plan. How can we forgive those who've hurt us, trusting God's greater design?
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5. Personal Application & Prayer

- **Reflect:** Which season of waiting or hardship are you in now?
- **Respond:** Commit one practical step—faithful obedience, gratitude, or forgiveness—this week.
- **Pray:** Ask God to reveal how He's preparing you for His promises and to give strength to trust His timing.