

## Part 7 - Only God Can

### Life of Joseph: From the Pit to the Palace

**Text:** Genesis 41:51–52; 42:8; 42:21; 42:28 (KJV)

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#### I. Only God Produces Fruit in Affliction

##### Genesis 41:52

“For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.”

- God gets the credit — not circumstances, not self
- Fruit does not cancel affliction — it comes **in it**

**Key Truth:** *Without Him, nothing is produced (John 15:5)*

**Notes:**

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#### II. Faithfulness Continues When You’re Misunderstood

##### Genesis 42:8

“Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.”

- You can know, love, and serve people who misread you
- God sees what others do not (*1 Samuel 16:7*)

**Key Truth:** *Live for God’s approval, not man’s (Galatians 1:10)*

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#### III. You Will Reap What You Have Sown

##### Genesis 42:21

“We are verily guilty... therefore is this distress come upon us.”

- Conscience confirms what was planted
- No deception escapes God (*Numbers 32:23*)

**Key Truth:** *Sowing determines reaping (Galatians 6:7)*

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### IV. God's Goodness Leads to Repentance

#### Genesis 42:28

"What is this that God hath done unto us?"

- God was good — they misread it as judgment
- Distance from God distorts the view of God

**Key Truth:** *His goodness draws us back (Romans 2:4)*

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### Conclusion — Only God...

- Produces fruit (*John 15:5*)
  - Sees the heart (*1 Samuel 16:7*)
  - Judges rightly (*Galatians 6:7*)
  - Restores through goodness (*Romans 2:4*)
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### Final Challenge

- Check your pride (*Proverbs 16:18*)
- Trust His way (*Proverbs 3:5–6*)
- Respond to conviction (*Proverbs 28:13*)
- Receive His goodness (*Psalms 34:8*)

#### Psalm 34:8

"O taste and see that the Lord is good..."