

Water of Life Community Church

JOURNEY INTO DESTINY

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

WEEK #7

GENESIS 41

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Joseph waited in prison for two whole years after he correctly interpreted dreams for two of Pharaoh's workers. Even though he asked to be remembered, he wasn't. Then a day, out of the blue, the worker who promised to tell Pharaoh about Joseph remembered Joseph. Was Joseph ready for what came next?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ GENESIS 41:1, 8, 12-13.

a. Joseph was waiting to be released from prison and had to wait. Have you ever been at the end of your rope and thought you would be rescued only to find that God just gave you a little more rope? How did you take that?

b. Joseph did not know that Pharaoh was dreaming and needed an interpreter until Joseph was summoned from prison. When have you been called upon to serve without notice? Were you ready?

c. It took time for Joseph's heart to become as gold. Integrity is worthless until it is tested. When was a time when your integrity was tested? How did you fare?

d. We all cheered for Joseph when he was finally released from prison to interpret Pharaoh's dream. But the test was not interpreting the dream. The test was what followed. What happened after Joseph interpreted the dream?

2. READ GENESIS 41:16-32.

a. In the scripture above, how many times did Joseph tell Pharaoh that God was to credit for the dreams and interpretation?

b. Joseph did not hesitate to give credit to God for the dreams and interpretation. Do you think Joseph realized that by saying that, he could have been forfeiting his only chance to get out of prison?

c. Joseph had learned to interpret dreams when he was a kid. He could have interpreted Pharaoh's dream anytime...but God made Joseph wait. Being able to interpret the dream was God's gift and Joseph gave God credit. In what ways do we often think our gift is our own?

d. After Joseph interpreted the dream, things happened very quickly. He was thrust into a position of authority and leadership immediately. He had only one chance at this, and being a foreigner and a slave, there was no room for mistakes. Do you think God's timing for Joseph was best when you realize what was at stake?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

Take some time to write down a list of things God has done in your life. List things like answers to prayer, breakthroughs you have gotten, praise reports, healing, things to be thankful for, and fulfillment of dreams. Meditate on these individually for a few minutes quietly. Through the week, thank Him, letting your praise to Him continually be on your lips.

TAKING IT HOME

What is one way this week that you can honor God first when something you have wanted or prayed for happens? Will you find someone this week that you can share with about a time when God met you while you were in a dark place?

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MEMORY VERSE

John 3:30

“He must increase but I must decrease.”