

The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture **Week 05: Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams**

Discussion Questions

Joseph waited 13 years in slavery and imprisonment before God's deliverance came. What season of prolonged waiting are you currently in, and how does Joseph's faithfulness challenge your response to delay?

The sermon lists many biblical figures who waited years or decades for God's promises to be fulfilled. How does knowing that waiting is a common theme for God's people change your perspective on your current circumstances?

Joseph consistently pointed others to God rather than taking credit for his gift of interpretation. In what areas of your life do you struggle to redirect praise and attention away from yourself and toward God?

The cupbearer forgot Joseph for two full years despite his promise to remember him. Have you experienced being forgotten or overlooked by people you helped, and how did that affect your trust in God versus trust in people?

Joseph prepared himself physically and spiritually to stand before Pharaoh, drawing on everything God had taught him during his 13 years of hardship. What is God teaching you in your current season that might be preparing you for an unexpected opportunity?

The sermon emphasizes that Joseph was not forgotten or abandoned but was exactly where God needed him to be. How does this truth challenge the feelings of isolation or purposelessness you might be experiencing?

Pharaoh, seen as a god in Egyptian culture, was helpless and confused despite having access to the greatest wise men in Egypt. What does this reveal about human wisdom and power compared to God's sovereignty?

Joseph gave unsolicited advice to Pharaoh based on God's wisdom, demonstrating both boldness and preparation. When has God given you an opportunity to speak His wisdom into a situation, and did you take it?

The sermon warns that many people claim to speak for God and interpret His Word without actually knowing it themselves. How can you guard against being deceived by cultural voices while deepening your own understanding of Scripture?

Colossians 4:5-6 calls us to walk in wisdom toward outsiders with speech that is gracious and seasoned with salt. How can you better balance speaking truth boldly while remaining gracious in your interactions with those who do not know God?