

## **The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture**

### **Week 06: Joseph's Job Promotion**

#### *Discussion Questions*

Joseph demonstrated discernment and wisdom in the face of sudden promotion and power. How do you cultivate God-given discernment in your daily decisions, and what practices help you distinguish between worldly wisdom and wisdom that comes from God?

Joseph named his sons Manasseh and Ephraim to reflect how God helped him forget his hardships and made him fruitful in affliction. What wounds or painful memories in your life need to be viewed through the lens of God's grace and redemptive work?

Despite receiving a new Egyptian name, clothing, status, and wife, Joseph maintained his Hebrew identity and faith in Yahweh. What external pressures or cultural influences challenge your spiritual identity, and how do you remain faithful to God when success or promotion comes?

The sermon states that daily steps in the right direction do not always mean immediate deliverance, and sometimes disappointment precedes deliverance. Can you share a season when faithfulness did not produce quick results, and how did you maintain trust in God's bigger picture?

Pharaoh recognized that the Spirit of God was in Joseph, leading to his promotion. How visible is the presence of God in your life to those around you, especially in secular or non-believing environments?

Joseph gave unsolicited advice to Pharaoh after interpreting his dreams, trusting God to guide the outcome. When has God prompted you to speak truth or offer guidance in a situation where you were not asked, and what was the result?

Joseph's transformation included outward changes in status and appearance, but his internal character remained rooted in God. In what ways do external achievements or changes tempt you to compromise your core values or faith commitments?

The sermon notes that God's claim on us is based on His love and unchanging character, not our performance. How does this truth free you from the pressure to earn God's favor, and how might it change the way you approach obedience and service?

Joseph's story illustrates how God used years of suffering and injustice to position him to bless not only Egypt but all the earth. What current hardship or injustice in your life might God be using to prepare you for a purpose larger than you can currently see?