

ILLUMINATED by Holy Spirit
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GENESIS

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

THE BIG IDEA

God's Molding of His Servant

Sunday, February 5, 2023

THE BIBLE - Genesis 41

QUESTIONS

1. Vs. 1 – Last week's lesson left Joseph forgotten by the baker and we see that two full years have passed. How must Joseph have felt during this time? Can you recall a time in your life when things were not going as you hoped?
2. Vs. 15-16 – How did Joseph respond to Pharaoh's question? Read John 15:5. How does this verse relate to Joseph's response?
3. Vs. 17-32 – Realizing that an incorrect response to Pharaoh would likely lead to his death or at least likely to remain in prison, who did Joseph depend on? His response was made in great faith. Can you recall a time and circumstance in your life in which you were totally dependent on God to deliver you from some situation?
4. Vs. 50-52 – To experience being sold into slavery by his brothers had hurt Joseph. How did God help Joseph? How did Joseph express God's help? Are there painful incidents from your past that you have not surrendered to the Lord for spiritual healing?
5. Vs. 53-57 – Joseph's story seems to be a "rags to riches" story. How did God equip him for this role? How does Romans 8:28,29 fit into this picture? Looking back on your life, can you see now that perhaps God was shaping you for His use?

FURTHER STUDY NUGGETS

- What other people in Scripture have a similar "rags to riches" story like Joseph? What seemingly "bad" circumstances did God use to equip them for His purpose?

THE FIVE 5 Verses For Discussion During Week
(Discipleship partner, around dinner table, on way to school in car, etc)



Monday
John 15:5

Tuesday
Romans 8:28,29

Wednesday
1 Peter 5:6

Thursday
Psalm 34:4

Friday
Colossians 4:6

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Proverbs 3:5,6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight."