



L2L32: Joseph Becomes Governor of Egypt

Genesis 41

The Pharaoh of Egypt had some odd dreams that bothered him so he wanted to know what they meant. When his butler heard about the problem, he remembered that Joseph was able to interpret dreams. The butler told Pharaoh about Joseph, who was still in prison, and Pharaoh quickly sent for him. Joseph told Pharaoh that his dreams were a warning from God that there would be seven years of abundance followed by seven years of famine. Joseph made some suggestions about how Pharaoh could prepare for the famine, and Pharaoh recognized that God was with Joseph, so he wanted Joseph to work for him. Joseph was seventeen when he was sold into slavery. Now, when he was thirty years old, he became one of the most powerful men in Egypt.

Discuss:

- Who inspired and interpreted Pharaoh's dreams?
- God was with Joseph every step of the way. Sometimes God allows us to experience trials so that we can learn important lessons. What do you think are some life lessons Joseph may have learned from his years of trials?
- What does it mean to be diligent? How did Joseph exercise diligence?
- Joseph made a plan to save the nation by storing grain while the harvests were good. How can we use this principle in our own lives?



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Memory Challenge:

Genesis 41:39-10

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you."