

The Heart of the Matter

13. When have you waited a long time before God finally answered your prayers?

14. As you look back on your life, do you see how God has prepared you for a future role in His service?

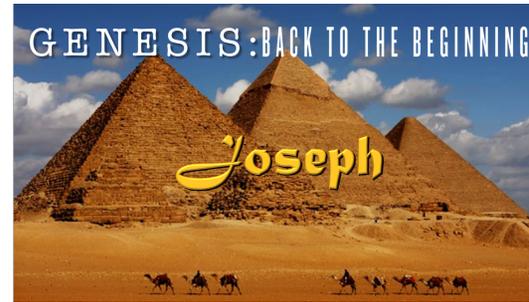
15. What do you see as God's role in Joseph's life? What about His role in your life?

16. When was the last time you wondered if God had forgotten about you? How has He shown you that He hasn't forgotten you?

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Life Group Study Guide

Overcoming the Bitter Years Genesis 40:1 - 41:56 For the Week of August 26, 2018

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What recurrent dreams do you have?
3. Which would you choose: A glimpse of the future or a journey into the past? Why?

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Digging Deeper

4. Joseph now finds himself in jail. Things have gone from bad to worse. Why does he continue to trust God and not just give up?

5. How does Joseph show concern for the cupbearer and the baker? V6-8

6. Who put the cupbearer and baker in jail and gave them their dreams? What was God doing through them?

7. What strikes you most about the two dreams, their interpretation and fulfillment?

8. What made Joseph think that he could accurately interpret these dreams? What did he know about dreams?

9. After the cupbearer was released he forgot Joseph. What does this teach us about our dependence on men? Where does our help really come from?

10. Two more years in jail and no release. What might Joseph have thought at this point? Why does God sometimes take so long to bring relief to our circumstances?

11. Joseph gave God credit for his ability to interpret dreams. What does this show about Joseph's character and maturity?

12. Eventually Joseph was promoted to second in command of all Egypt. Where does promotion come from according to Psalm 75:6-7? Can you think of any others in the Bible who waited a long time for promotion to leadership?