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Joseph #5

Become a Conduit of God's Blessing!

We know that in all things **God works for the good** of those who **love him**, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

- Joseph** was hated & sold as a slave, then falsely accused, jailed, & forgotten.
- The Lord** was with **Joseph** in all of it, helping him **thrive & bless others**.
- The Lord** gave **Joseph** insight and clarity to **prepare Egypt** for the coming famine.

³⁴Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners to **collect one-fifth** of the harvest of Egypt during the **seven good years**... ³⁵and **store up** the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to **be kept** in the cities **for food**. ³⁶This food should be **held in reserve** for the country to **be used** during the seven years of famine, so the country will not be ruined. **Genesis 41:34-36**

- **Let God help you** look ahead to prepare for difficulty **!**

⁴¹So **Pharaoh** said to Joseph, "I hereby **put you in charge** of the whole land of Egypt."
⁴²Then Pharaoh took his **signet ring** from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in **robes of fine linen** and put a **gold chain** around his neck. ⁴³He had him **ride in a chariot** as his second-in-command, and people shouted before him, "Make way!" ⁴⁴...Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, but without **your word** no one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt." ⁴⁵Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-Paneah and gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphara, priest of On, to be his wife. And Joseph went throughout the land of Egypt. ⁴⁶Joseph was **thirty years old** when he entered the **service of Pharaoh** king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt. **Genesis 41:41-46**

⁵⁰Before the years of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphara, priest of On. ⁵¹Joseph named his firstborn **Manasseh** and said, "It is because **God has made me forget** all my trouble and all my father's household." ⁵²The second son he named **Ephraim** and said, "It is because **God has made me fruitful** in the land of my suffering." **Genesis 41:50-52**

- **Let God elevate you** beyond what you could do yourself **!**

- **Let God move you** beyond your past troubles **!**

⁵³The seven years of abundance in Egypt came to an end, ⁵⁴and the seven years of famine began, **just as Joseph had said**. There was famine in all the other lands, but in the whole land of Egypt **there was food**. ⁵⁵When all Egypt began to feel the famine, the people cried to Pharaoh for food. Then Pharaoh told all the Egyptians, "**Go to Joseph** and do what he tells you."⁵⁶When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph **opened all the storehouses** and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. ⁵⁷And **all the world came to Egypt** to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe everywhere. **Genesis 41:53-57**

- **Let God make you** a person that blesses others **!**

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Discovering Life Connected with God!

Our Vision

To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

Our Strategy

To fulfill God's purpose in our lives through a balanced commitment to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves, according to God's Great Commandment and Great Commission in the Bible.

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To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

Relationships

To develop depth, consistency, and closeness in our walk with Jesus.
To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

Relevance

To apply God's truths and principles to life in practical ways.
To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

Involvement

To participate in church family relationships and responsibilities.
To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

Truth

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To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

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