



MESSAGE REVIEW

Have you ever asked the question, “when will the pain stop?” We live in a broken world and Joseph could identify with the loss, heartache, injustice, and grief we experience today. If you find yourself becoming angry, bitter, and cynical through the losses you’ve experienced in your life, follow Joseph’s example. Be strengthened in your relationship with God as you walk with Him through the deep waters of recovery.

WARM UP QUESTION

Share about a time when a difficult assignment prepared you for a later responsibility.

TALK ABOUT IT

1 **Read Genesis 41:33-40.** Joseph has interpreted Pharaoh’s dreams (see verses 17-32 for those) and given him advice on how to proceed. How does Joseph demonstrate discernment and wisdom in this situation?

2 Pharaoh is not a believer in God, yet what does he notice in Joseph (verses 38-39)? Do other people see God in you? What do you do well and where could you improve in the area of sharing your faith with others (note how many times Joseph mentions God’s name in verses 25-32)?

3 **Read Genesis 41:50-52.** What do the names of Joseph’s sons indicate about his relationship with God? Do you have stories of God’s faithfulness in your own life? Share some of those together as a group. How does remembering strengthen your faith?

4 **Read Genesis 41:56-42:8.** What stands out to you about these verses? How do you think you would have reacted if you were Joseph? (note: we’ll see more of why Joseph doesn’t reveal himself in the next few chapters)

5 **Read Genesis 42:21-24.** Do you think the brothers are sorry for what they did 20 years ago (verse 21)? Why do you think Joseph weeps in verse 24? As you have dealt with loss in your life, have you remembered to grieve or have you turned to other things like anger, addiction, or fear? How can grieving help you guard your heart (Proverbs 4:23)?

RESPOND

What is God saying to you through His Word? How and when will you respond?

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