



## Part 5: Finally Arrived

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### Our Question:

How would my life be different if I was absolutely convinced in every moment, no matter how good or how bad, that God was with me?

### Review

- Joseph was a favored son
- Joseph was a dreamer
- Joseph used his spiritual gift in an immature way
- Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers
- Joseph experienced God's presence in confusing times
- Joseph was put in prison for making a godly choice
- Joseph was in prison between 11 and 13 years
- Joseph was faithful in a difficult season of life

### Genesis 41

<sup>14</sup> So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh. <sup>15</sup> Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

#### Joseph refuses to buckle under the pressure of the moment

<sup>16</sup> "I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."

#### Joseph has a new boldness

<sup>25</sup> Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one and the same. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do.

#### Joseph has a new discernment

<sup>37</sup> The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. <sup>38</sup> So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?"

#### Joseph has a new bent

<sup>39</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. <sup>40</sup> You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.”

### Joseph has a new platform

#### **Important Truths**

**All of the character bending that Joseph endured made perfect sense in his moment before Pharaoh.**

**God uses bent people to bring about his divine purpose.**

#### **Small Group Questions**

- 1) Describe a defining moment of your life (a discovery, an experience, a medical diagnosis, the birth of a child, etc.) that you believe changed the trajectory of your whole existence.
- 2) Is it easier for you to be faithful to God in good or tough times?
- 3) Have you ever encountered a powerful person? Did their power or stature cause you to change how you presented yourself? Why?
- 4) Joseph is suddenly prosperous. Often, prosperity challenges our faith in God. How has prosperity affected your ability to trust God? (For perspective, living in the U.S. puts you in the top 10% of wealthiest people in the world.)
- 5) How is God bending you this week?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now?

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