

Come & See What God Has Done

Joseph Is Rewarded

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Next, we will examine how Joseph went from being in jail to being given a job of great prominence. This story of Joseph is truly remarkable in that there are many highs and lows, from being in a family to being cast into a pit. He was then sold into slavery, followed by being placed in charge of an Egyptian leader's household. Then into jail but was subsequently elevated to prominence, remaining faithful to the Lord.

We read of Joseph's reward in Genesis 41:41-48, And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, "Bow the knee!" Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt. Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt. During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly, and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it.

Following the story of the highs and lows of Joseph's first thirty years reminds me of the rollercoasters in Lagoon or Cedar Point. He had what could be considered a wild ride. His faith is remarkable. Now, he is running Egypt at the order of Pharaoh. From being a slave to a leader, all in the blink of an eye. Yet, he is steadfast in his serving the Lord.





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Throughout this set of devotionals, we have seen the story of one of the key individuals in the story of Israel. Joseph was instrumental in many aspects of the future of Israel. His administration gifts saved many by storing grain in times of plenty. He did so because he was faithful to the Lord. The Lord had a purpose for Joseph from day 1. Just as he has meaning for you and me, we can experience good times and bad, just as Joseph did. And through it all, we can be faithful. Our faith is a beautiful gift from God, as we find in Ephesians 2:8-10, For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. We are gifted with faith to carry out good works for the Lord and to serve others. Joseph stands as a shining example of what faith can do and what God has done in the life of one of His chosen people. But there is one more lesson to be gained from the life of Joseph. Any guesses at what that lesson is?

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