
them keep it. ³⁶ That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine."

4. God _____ In Us While We Build.

Genesis 41:37 This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. ³⁸ And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?" ³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. ⁴⁰ You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command.

5. God Builds _____ Lessons In Us.

Genesis 41:50 Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore them to him.

Genesis 41:51 Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house."

Genesis 41:52 The name of the second he called Ephraim, "For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

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Church "Business"--part 3

The Life of Joseph

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■ "BELOVED" trumps "BROKENNESS." ■

"Success is moving from one failure to the next with unbridled enthusiasm." Winston Churchill

■ 1. Getting Back Up, _____! ■

Genesis 40:9 So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, "In my dream there was a vine before me, 10 and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. 11 Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand."

12 Then Joseph said to him, "This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. 13 In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer.

14 Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house.

15 For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit."

■ 2. Overcoming _____ Disappointments. ■

Genesis 40:14 "Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house."

Genesis 40:20 On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹ He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. ²² But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them.

■ ²³ Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him. ■

Genesis 41:1 After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile...

■ Genesis 41:9 Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "I remember my offenses today." ■

Genesis 41:14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh.

3. _____ Opportunity.

Genesis 41:15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

■ Genesis 41:16 Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer." ■

■ Genesis 41:25 Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. ²⁶ The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. ²⁷ The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind are also seven years of famine. ■

■ ²⁸ It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. ■

²⁹ There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt, ³⁰ but after them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will consume the land, ³¹ and the plenty will be unknown in the land by reason of the famine that will follow, for it will be very severe. ³² And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about. ³³ Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. ³⁴ Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plentiful years. ³⁵ And let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let
