



Responsibility in Power | Genesis 41:1-57

Read the chapter through together. What strikes you again, or perhaps for the first time, as you read?

1. Joseph had two more years in prison when he had expected release. Can you think of any times in your life when, as you look back, a time of disappointment has changed or resolved completely unexpectedly?
2. Are you in a season of waiting in your life in any way at the moment? If so, what would help you to grow closer to God in that time? Read Habakkuk 2:3 together. What might that mean in a time of waiting? Are there other bible passages which might be of help and encouragement?
3. God gets the Pharaoh's attention by using dreams. Has this ever happened to you? What are some of the other creative, perhaps surprising, ways God has reached out to you? Share them together.
4. Joseph showed a mix of humility and confidence in his approach to the Pharaoh. Are there any areas of your life where you need that at the moment? How might that combination help us as we seek to share about Jesus with others?
5. Joseph received knowledge (about what the dream meant) but also wisdom (what should be done about it). What do you see as the difference between them? Can you give other examples, both from the bible and from your own lives?
6. In naming his children, Joseph showed that he had begun to see how God was 'working things together for good' (Romans 8:28). Looking back, can you trace seasons in your life where God's grace has been particularly evident?
7. Joseph was put in a position of great responsibility and exercised it with great care. Who are those you know, in the group, church, or more widely, with power in different settings? How can you support and help them to be the best they can be?
8. Joseph was a kingdom citizen who changed the world of his time. What does it mean to us to be citizens of the kingdom? How can we be thermostats (those who change the atmosphere around us) and not thermometers (those who change depending on what is around us)?

Read Isaiah 11:1-3 together and pray for each other for more of the Spirit of Jesus, perhaps particularly in any areas you have shared together.



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

