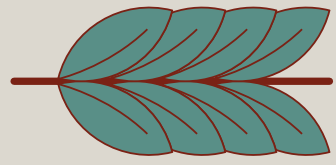


REWRITING

GOD'S PERFECT TIMING OVER DELAYS

After 13 years of living with the effects of betrayal, temptations, accusations and abandonment, Joseph's time has come. Life can change in a moment. Nothing in our past is wasted as God can use it for our future. Suddenly one morning, Joseph is awakened, bathed, dressed and taken to see Pharaoh. As his eyes adjust to the lights of the throne room, he hears about Pharaoh's troubling dream and the fact no one can understand it. Joseph interprets the dream in a way that not only makes sense to Pharaoh but gives him peace. There will be seven years of great abundance in the land followed by seven years of famine. God was sharing the future so Pharaoh wouldn't waste the abundance, but save it to prepare for famine. Knowing that he needs someone he can trust to lead this great process of saving and sharing, Pharaoh chose Joseph. At that moment, Joseph's dream was beginning to be realized. Joseph becomes the second most important person in the land and people will be bowing before him. Pharaoh gives him a new robe, a ring and a family. The names of his two sons are Ephraim and Manasseh. Their names mean 'twice blessed' and 'God has taken the sting out'. After a long season of waiting, God blessed Joseph and took the sting out of the pain of his life.



REMEMBER

Thank God for the moment in your life when your circumstances changed quickly for the better.

Where has God's presence surprised you the most?

Take time to give thanks

REVIEW

READ GENESIS 41

What do you think when through Joseph's mind when he was invited to the palace?

What evidence is there of Joseph's maturity and change in this chapter?

What parts of his past had Joseph let go of?

What truths about God do you think he held on to?

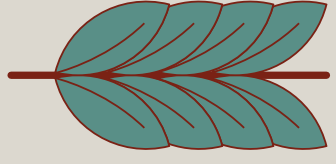
Throughout Joseph's life, people have noticed God's presence in Joseph. What do you think they witnessed in Him?

How did Joseph's ability to walk well through the temptations of power and of despair prepare him for this role?

Joseph never tried to find his dad or brothers. What do you think that says about how he had processed his family betrayal?

Bonus question: What do you think went through the mind of Potiphar's wife when she found out Joseph got elevated?





REWRITE

When was there a moment in your life that felt pointless, but like Joseph, God has used those experiences for good in your life? How does that help you understand that pointless moment better?

What pains and hurts of the past have you been able to let go of? How have they prepared you for today?

What truth about God do you need to hold on tightly right now?

What painful experiences can you say helped you become who you are today?

REFLECT

Having spent some time in the life of Joseph, can you now see times in your life where you thought God was absent, but He was working?

