

From the Pit to the Palace

Genesis 41

To some, Joseph experienced a “lucky break” that lifted him from the pit to the palace, from a prisoner to become the Prime Minister. However, the Bible is clear that Joseph’s big “breakthrough” was a work of God’s providence.

I. Pharaoh’s _____ in sleep (1-8)

II. Joseph’s _____ from prison (9-14)

III. Pharaoh’s _____ to solve (15-24)

IV. Joseph’s _____ to tell (25-36)

Joseph didn’t only interpret the meaning of the dreams . . .

A. He _____

B. He _____

C. He _____

V. God’s _____ of Joseph (37-45)

VI. God’s _____ to the world (46-57)

Life is not a straight line leading from one blessing to the next and then finally to heaven. Life is a winding and troubled road. Switchback after switchback. And the point of biblical stories like Joseph and Job and Esther and Ruth is to help us feel in our bones (not just know in our heads) that God is for us in all these strange turns. God is not just showing up after the trouble and cleaning it up. He is plotting the course and managing the troubles with far-reaching purposes for our good and for the glory of Jesus Christ.

- John Piper