

Which of these principles is easiest for you to obey? Which is hardest?

JOSEPH IN THE PALACE

Genesis 41:1-57

TAKING IT HOME

1. Sometimes it's easy to complain about our job and have a negative attitude. Joseph showed that he was not only willing to interpret Pharaoh's dreams but also to help him come up with a solution. Is there something specific you could do this week at your job (or a place where you spend time helping) to be part of the solution to a problem you see?

2. Sometimes after we see how God worked through a season of suffering in our lives, we forget to stop and thank Him for the work He did in our character during that time. Take a moment to write down a thanksgiving prayer to God for how He has used suffering for a greater purpose in your life.

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of October 10, 2010

QUICK REVIEW

This week we'll explore more of Joseph's interaction with Pharaoh. Looking back over your sermon notes, what did you find most helpful, challenging or interesting from this week's message?

MY STORY

1. In the sermon we finally saw what God had in store for Joseph. During most of our difficult times, we don't see or understand what God is up to. Can you think of a difficult time you went through that didn't make sense at first, but afterward you saw God at work? What happened?

2. Joseph suddenly went from being a prison convict to number two in Egypt. Can you imagine the shock he must have felt after **Genesis 41:41-45**? If you were in his shoes, what might you say to God as you went to bed that night?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Make a list of things you think Joseph gained during those 13 years in Potiphar's house and in prison that helped him in his new role as VP of Egypt?

2. In **Genesis 41:28-36**, with God's help, Joseph not only interpreted Pharaoh's dreams, but he also suggested a course of action to take. Joseph could have just stopped after he interpreted the dreams. Why do you think Pharaoh would have appreciated Joseph's suggestions?

What principles can you take from this in regards to seeing problems in your workplace or other areas you serve?

What other principles can you find in the following verses about being a good employee or volunteer?

Proverbs 10:26

Proverbs 12:24

Proverbs 10:9