

Message Notes & Thoughts

Passage: Genesis 41

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Message Outline ...

1. **Your Heavenly Father is Working**
 - He worked in Joseph's past (preparation)
 - He was working Joseph's present (prevention)
 - He will work in Joseph's future (preservation)
2. **Your Heavenly Father's Hand is Upon You**
 - God knew what Joe would go through.
 - God allowed the challenges in Joe's life.
3. **You Heavenly Father has Committed to You.**
 - There are promises yet to be fulfilled.
 - Land, Seed, Blessing
 - Hope and a Future (Jeremiah 29:11)

God sprang Joseph from prison in Egypt and lifted him to ruler of Egypt in order to save the world from famine. Later God would liberate Israel from their imprisonment in Egypt and exalt them to be his holy nation in order to bless/save the world (12:3). In New Testament times, God liberated Jesus from his imprisonment in the tomb and exalted him through his resurrection and ascension to be the King of Kings in order to save the world

Questions for Growth ...

1. Re-read Genesis 41, then read Matthew 6:31-33. What makes seeking after God's 'Kingdom' so difficult for us?
2. What have you been praying for, hoping for, that you have now given up on? What makes persistence in trusting God so hard? What are the benefits waiting?
3. Our relationships are tested by hard-times that we go through in life. Think of as many scriptures that talk about testing God in hard times. Here are a few: Philippians 4:4-8. Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 26:3; Psalm 56:3; John 14:1.
4. This message taught me ...