

Sermon NOTES



September 20 // Part 6 // Rise to Power

SUMMARY

Life often brings things we never saw coming, and Joseph's story reminds us that we can't always control what happens to us, but we can choose how we respond. After years of waiting, setbacks, and silence, Joseph was suddenly brought from prison to the palace because God had been preparing him the whole time. In Genesis 41, we see how trusting God's timing, God's power, and God's Spirit can shape us for the doors He is preparing to open. This week, we'll discover that waiting seasons are never wasted when our lives remain surrendered to God.

SCRIPPS RANCH CAMPUS

Let's go in our Bibles to Genesis 41 (NLT)

1. _____ God's _____ by staying
_____.

Genesis 41:1 (NLT)

Two full years later, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing on the bank of the Nile River.

In the pain of waiting, how do we stay prepared?

- Stay close to God.
- Choose contentment over complaint.
- Practice integrity.
- Continue to serve God.

Genesis 41:14 (NLT)

Pharaoh sent for Joseph at once, and he was quickly brought from the prison.

2. _____ God's _____ by staying
_____.

Genesis 41:15 (NLT)

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream last night, and no one here can tell me what it means. But I have heard that when you hear about a dream you can interpret it."

Genesis 41:16 (NLT)

"It is beyond my power to do this," Joseph replied. "But God can tell you what it means and set you at ease."

Let's go in our Bibles to Genesis 41:37-44 (NLT)

3. _____ God's _____ by staying
_____.

Genesis 41:37-38 (NLT)

Joseph's suggestions were well received by Pharaoh and his officials. So Pharaoh asked his officials, "Can we find anyone else like this man so obviously filled with the spirit of God?"

John 14:16-17 (NLT)

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

God may not explain every season of life, but He never wastes a surrendered life.