

STUDY 4 - GOD FOR GOOD - GENESIS 41:37-57

Share

If you could be placed in a role where you could genuinely help many people, what kind of role would you hope for, and why?

Observe and Reflect

Read Genesis 41:37-57

1. Pharaoh recognises that Joseph has “God’s spirit in him” and gives him authority over Egypt. What does this suggest about how God can work through unlikely people and situations?
2. Joseph is given great power and status, yet the story keeps emphasising his role in serving others. What do you notice about the relationship between his position and his service?
3. The passage moves from abundance to famine. What do you think the writer wants us to feel or understand through that shift?
4. This is not simply a “rags to riches” story but a story about God working through Joseph to serve others. Where do you see that emphasis in the text?
5. Joseph names his sons in ways that reflect both healing from the past and fruitfulness in suffering. What do you think it means to be fruitful “in the land of my affliction”?
6. How does this passage challenge simple ideas like “good things happen to good people” or “people get what they deserve”?
7. In what ways does Joseph’s role in providing bread during famine point us forward to Jesus and what he offers the world?
8. Jesus describes himself as the “bread of life” in John 6:35. What similarities and differences do you see between Joseph’s provision and Jesus’ provision?

Next Steps...

9. Where are you currently tempted to think your circumstances need to change before God can use you, rather than believing God can use you where you are?

10. What might it look like this week to actively “go to Jesus” for what you actually need, rather than simply going to him for quick relief or short term help?