

Chapter 3

Joseph from Slave to Deputy Pharaoh

Day One – Faithfulness

Today's reading: Page 29 through the break on page 34

This reading covers: Genesis 37-41

Summary: Joseph demonstrates faithfulness to God regardless of circumstances.

Consider this:

Think back on your life and any time you were in a struggle between faithfulness and sin. Was there a time when you chose specifically one way or the other? What were the circumstances? How did it turn out? Did the experience bring you closer to God? Or did it place a wedge between the two of you?

Using circumstances as an opportunity to practice our faithfulness to God helps us to build a history of faithfulness over time. Turn this memory into an opportunity to learn from your experience. How would you handle that same decision today?

For further reading: Lamentations 3:22-24

Prayer:

Father, thank you for proving your faithfulness to me every day. Help me to choose to be faithful to you, no matter my circumstances. Through the experiences in my life, may we create a history of faithfulness together. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day Two – Provision

Today's reading: Break on page 34 through break on page 41

This reading covers: Genesis 42-49

Summary: Though often behind the scenes, God provides for his people.

Consider this:

How specific are your prayers? Do you write the scenes in your head and then direct God to do it your way? Has God ever completely surprised you with an answer to prayer so creative you knew you never would have thought of it?

While we are worrying and fretting over the concerns of our day-to-day tasks, God is working behind the scenes to take care of our needs. We cannot always see what he is doing. What do you need today that you can give to Him? Is there a better way to word your requests so that your humility to God's plan will be more evident? Will you consider inviting him to provide for you and give up your director's chair?

For further reading: James 1:17, Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Corinthians 2:9

Prayer:

Father I know you see the full picture of my life. I thank you that I can rest in the fact you always know what is best. Please help me to give you my cares, and trust that you are working behind the scenes to take care of my needs in the best way. Help me, please, to trust you to provide whatever is needed in your way and in your time. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day Three – Sovereignty

Today's reading: Break on page 41 through end of chapter

This reading covers: Genesis 50

Summary: God is sovereign and is working out his plan.

Consider this:

Do you have God on a shelf where you can reach him when you want him? Is he stuffed neatly in the closet where you can close the door to keep him from being heard at the wrong times? Or is God at the center of your life?

Is he patiently knocking on the door of your heart, waiting for an invitation to begin his work in you, or is he in charge of every day? Are you enjoying and embracing his sovereignty in your life, or are you trying to tell him what to do?

The Author of your story wants to write each chapter. He wants to watch your character develop in the image of his son. Are you willing to give him permission? God is in control. Will you rest in that?

For further reading: Romans 8:28, Jeremiah 29:11

Prayer:

Almighty God, Loving Father, I am humbled by your majesty and might. I am humbled by your sovereignty. I am eternally grateful for your love for me. You always want what is best, and you always know what it is. You always know the best way that it should happen. I want to trust you to work out your will in your way in my life. Help me to do that Lord. Every day. Starting today. In Jesus' name, Amen.