

The Pit to the Presidency (Part 2)
Genesis 41

Structure of Genesis 41	
1	Time passes
2ff	Pharoah dreams two dreams
8	No one to interpret dreams
16	God will interpret dreams
17ff	Pharoah tells his dreams
25ff	Joseph interprets the dreams
33ff	Joseph inserts a plan
53-54	Interpretation proves true
57	Result

BIG IDEA 1: God keeps _____ and saves the world!

BIG IDEA 2: Joseph's story only makes sense in the context of _____.

Tour of Genesis 41

Stop #1—Pharaoh's _____

Stop #2—Cupbearer's _____

Stop #3—Joseph's _____

Stop #4—God's _____

BIG IDEA 1: God keeps His promise and saves the world!

Have I experienced this promise?

- Do I believe what Genesis teaching about my rebellion toward God?
- Do I remember a time in my life where I was starving and Jesus satisfied that hunger?

BIG IDEA 2: Joseph's story only makes sense in the context of God's story.

What about my story?

- How do we read our story in light of God's story?
- How did Joseph respond when he didn't see how he fit into God's story?
- How can other people assist us seeing how our story fits into God's story?

If God will keep His promise and if my story is in God's story then...

Will I forget and be fruitful in affliction?

- What would it look like to pray to God for heavenly forgetfulness?
- What hardship seeks to define you?
- Where do you see fruit in your life in the midst of affliction? If you can't see it, who could you ask to help you see it?

How can I live in and bless my culture?

- Read 2 Kings 5: 1-5. How is the little girl an example of blessing pagan culture even when in the midst of suffering? Why is this shocking? Who can we care for in this way in our lives?
- Read the book of Daniel. How are Daniel and Joseph similar? What qualities do they share? How could they actively serve pagan kings and maintain their faith? What positions are you in that reflect this tension?
- In what ways, could we as a church grow in blessing the culture around us even when they disagree with our faith? What would this look like in your neighborhood? Business? Sports teams?

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