

## Restoring the Portion

### *From Pit to Palace*

Sunday, March 1, 2026

#### Genesis 41:33-41 NIV

<sup>33</sup>“And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt. <sup>34</sup>Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. <sup>35</sup>They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food. <sup>36</sup>This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine.”

<sup>37</sup>The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. <sup>38</sup>So Pharaoh asked them, “Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?”

<sup>39</sup>Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. <sup>40</sup>You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.”

<sup>41</sup>So Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt.”

1. **God’s Promises Move Forward.**
2. **Rejections Becomes Exaltation.**
3. **Joseph Points to a Greater Savior.**

#### **Conclusion: What God promises, He preserves.**

What He preserved through Joseph, He fulfilled through Jesus. That same faithful God is still working today —through betrayal, rejection, delay, and dry seasons. Rest in the finished work of Christ.

## LIFE GROUP LESSON

### **From Pit to Palace**

Week of March 1st, 2026- March 7th, 2026

**Ice Breaker:** Have you wondered if God is still moving in your life?

#### **Read Portions of Genesis 37- 41.**

1. Read Gen. 37:2-4 How is the relationship between the brothers?
2. Read Gen. 37:5-9. What happened? How did Joseph handle it?
3. Read Gen. 37:19-22. What is forming in the brothers’ hearts?
4. Read Gen. 37:26-28. What did the brothers do? For how much?
5. Read Gen. 37:31-34. Who else did they hurt? Why?
6. Read Gen. 39:1-4. What happened to Joseph? Did God care for him?
7. Read Gen. 39:7-9, 16-20. What occurs next? What is the outcome?
8. Have you been in a place like this—abandoned, misunderstood, schemed against or wrongly accused? Were you able to notice where God was in that time and place? Or did you feel completely alone?
9. Read Gen. 39:20-23. What happened next? Was God working?
10. Why might God allow us to be sent to places we don’t want to go?
11. Read Gen. 40:14-15. What did Joseph ask of the inmates whom he helped? What happened? (v.23)
12. Have you felt forgotten by others? What were you focused on?
13. How much time has passed? Why might God allow waiting? (Gen. 41:1, 8-9) How did God position Joseph?
14. Read Gen. 41:14-16. How did God equip Joseph? Has God positioned you timely to give help to another for His glory?
15. Read Gen. 41:29-32. What was going to happen?
16. What was the recommendation of Joseph? (vs. 32-36)
17. What does Pharaoh see and acknowledge? (vs. 37-38) What does this show you about God’s sovereignty?
18. Who does Pharaoh appoint? What is the significance? (vs.39-41)
19. What is Joseph able to do for his family? What does he say to them as they bowed before him? Read Gen. 50-20-21 Where is or has God turned something meant to harm for good in your life?
20. How is Joseph’s story linked to and fulfilled through Jesus? Read Matthew 26:15, 26:59-60, John 6:35, Acts 3:13.
21. How does Joseph’s journey from pit to palace encourage you to look for God in every season and trust He is faithfully moving upwards?

**Point to ponder:** God sees us. Even in the pit and as we trust in Him, His grace is with us; His love saves us and His faithfulness redeems us.