

Joseph – How God Builds Character

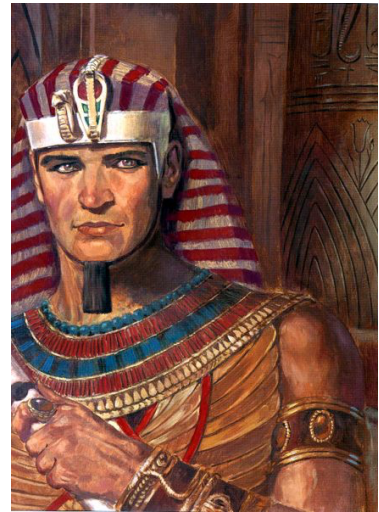
Home Group Study 5

Planning, Forgiveness and Release



Have there been things in your life that have suffered because of poor long term planning?

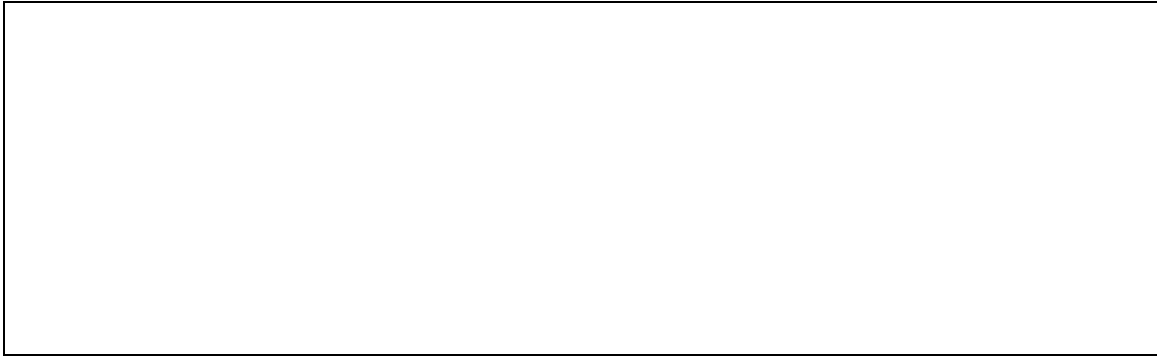
Joseph is now a very powerful ruler in Egypt, he's something like a Prime Minister but with more Executive power than normal. It seems he could speak and act as if he were Pharaoh, he wore the Pharaoh's signet ring and ran the country. God has elevated him to a supreme position where he can carry out his plan.



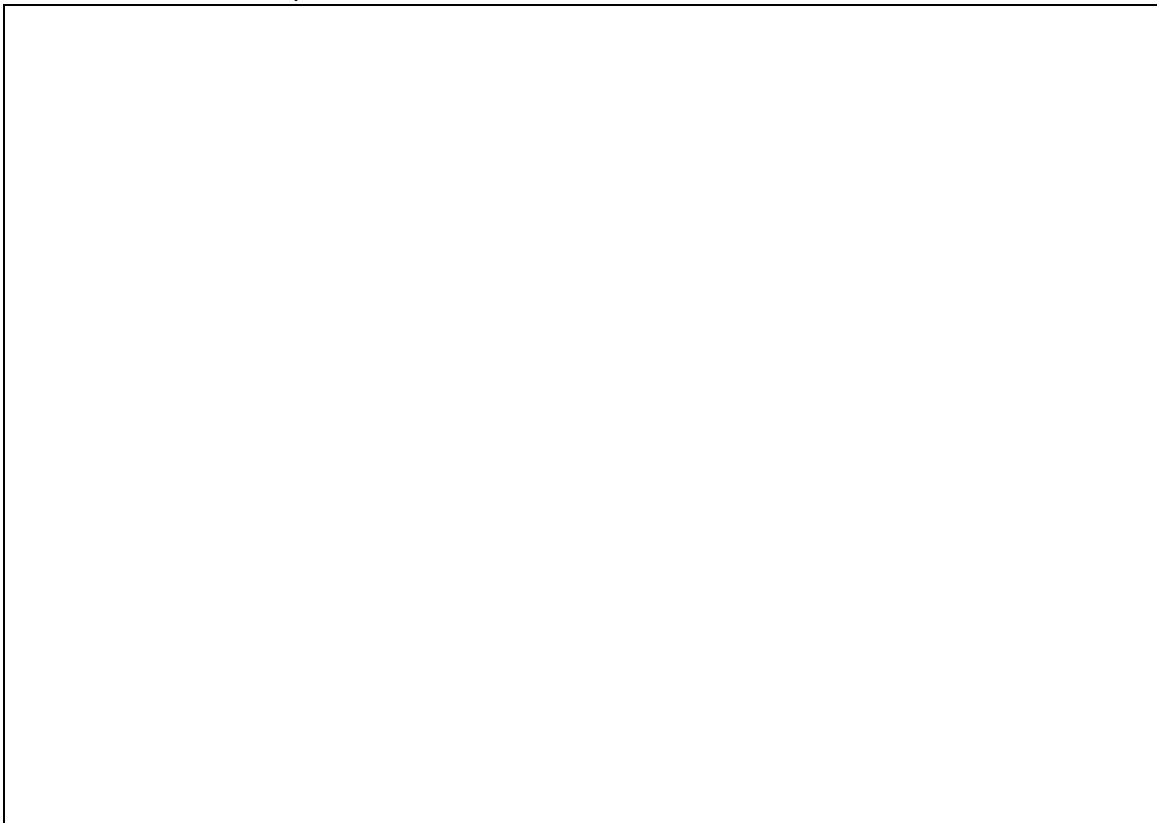
Read Genesis 41:46-57

1. How many years have passed between Joseph's dream and his enslavement in Egypt? What has kept him going?

2. Describe Joseph's long term plan for Egypt? How was Joseph feeling about his past hardships and present position? As Christians, how have you seen God work in your plans?

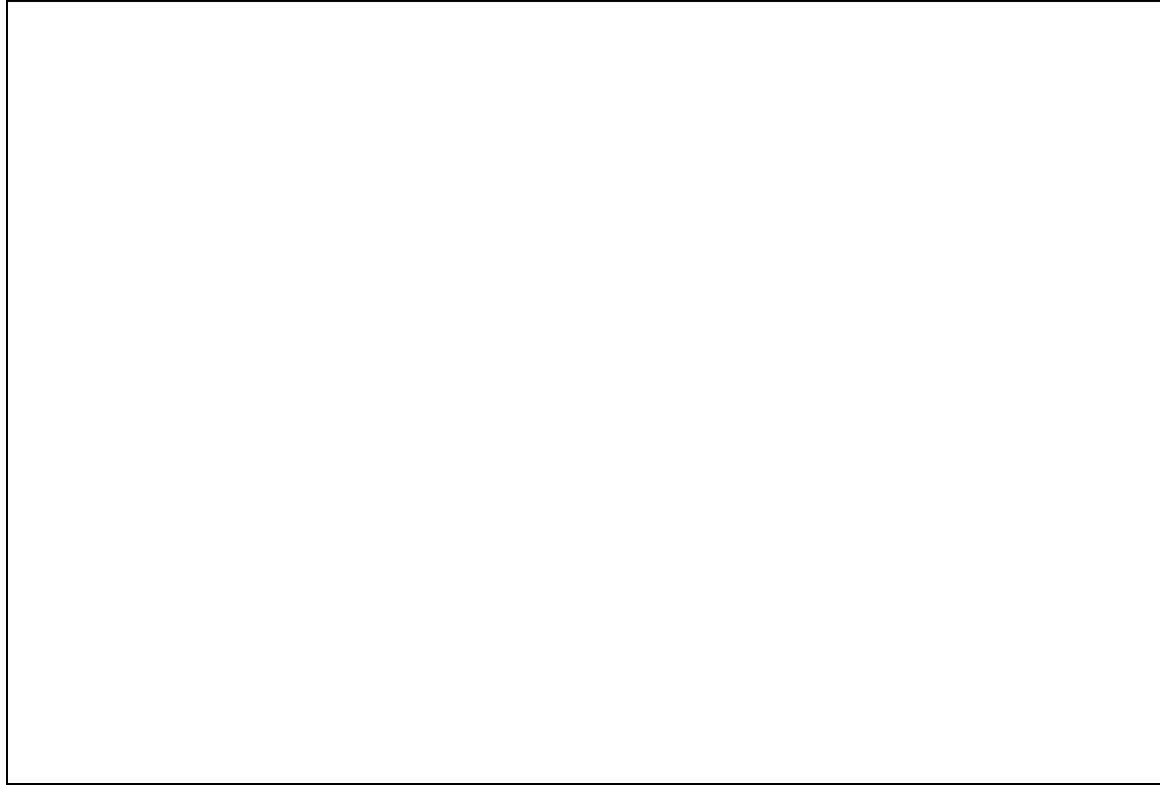


3. **Read Genesis 42** What emotions do you see in all the people cited in this chapter – from Jacob to Joseph and his brothers?



In Genesis 43 and 44, the brothers, including Benjamin, visit a second time. Joseph's identity remains hidden, but he seems to toy with his brothers, asking questions about their father and entrapping Benjamin. It's all Joseph's plan to bring Jacob to Egypt

4. **Read Genesis 45:1-15** How does Joseph handle his mix of emotions? What would you be feeling if you were one of the brothers? What can we learn about the process of reconciling broken relationships?



5. What does Joseph see was the purpose of all that had happened to him, look at vs5 in particular?



6. **Read Genesis 50:15-21** The brothers are afraid when Jacob dies. What does Joseph do? Look especially at vs20. How do you know Joseph's forgiveness was genuine?

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