

God is Great, God is Good

Genesis 40-41 | November 1, 2020

Context: This story follows the account of Joseph's being unjustly imprisoned in chapter 39 and reinforces that God was with him.

- "Coincidences" (40:1-13)
- God's work (40:8-41:40)
- Elevation of Joseph (41:41-57)

What do we learn about God?

1. God is sovereign and is always working for _____.
2. God is present and always _____.

How should we respond to God?

1. _____
2. _____

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Discussion Questions:

1. How do you see God rather than Joseph as the hero of this story?
2. What are some other biblical examples of God's being at work "behind the scenes" when it appeared He had forgotten his people?
3. In what area do you need to trust or obey God?
4. Can you give any encouraging words for those of us who need to trust or obey God?



Questions for Parents to use with their children:

1. **Have you ever had a crazy dream? If so feel free to share one.**
2. **Name a few things that people in your family are good at? Do you think God gave them this gift or skill?**
3. **In today's story, God uses Joseph to help others and as we will see later, the experience furthers His sovereign plan.**
4. **Read Genesis 40-41 together.**

5. **What do you observe about God?**

Answer: Not a lot is mentioned about God outside of verse 8. However, when Joseph says "Do not interpretations belong to God?" he is saying that God alone is the reliable source of interpretation because God knows everything, especially the future.

6. **What does verse 23 directly or indirectly tell us about mankind?**

Answer: Mankind may let us down. However, God will remember Joseph and He always remembers us.

7. **How does this passage point to Christ?**

Answer: Jesus knew what it was like to be let down by others including those closest to him. His disciples left him at his most critical hour. His family resisted his earthly ministry. But God would remember him. After experiencing death, three days later God the Father raised Him from the dead.

8. **How can you apply this passage as a family?**

Answer: Praise and give thanks to God for being great, good, and trustworthy. He is with us and has the power to cause everything to work together for our good as His children. We can also encourage others in Christ to trust and obey him even when times are tough.