



Sermon Outline
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The Reward of
Choosing Right

Genesis 41

Genesis 39:1-2 - Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of the Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there. **The LORD was with Joseph and he prospered, and lived in the house of his Egyptian master.**

Genesis 39:20-21 - Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. **But while Joseph was there in the prison, the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.**

Through it all, wherever he ended up, he believed that he was:

1. here by God's appointment;
2. in His keeping;
3. under His training;
4. for His time.

This is what happened in Egypt...

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Genesis 41:56-57 - When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. 57 And all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the world.

This is what happened to Joseph...

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Genesis 41:50-52 - Before the years of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphara, priest of On. Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household." The second son he named Ephraim and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering."

Do you know how you make your life fruitful after a time when it has been dysfunctional and unfair?

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There are some timeless internal lessons from Joseph's heart:

Lengthy afflictions do not need to _____.

Bad memories do not need to _____.