

# Genesis 41:38-40

## Surely God is doing a creative work in your life

*“Then Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find a man like this, in whom is a divine spirit?” So Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning as you are. You shall be over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you.”*

Let me ask you, how would you prepare someone to become the ruler of a nation by the time he was thirty years old? God had given Joseph dreams that implied he would have a high position but the reality of governing Egypt for the rest of his life starting at thirty is a huge responsibility. God had these things in mind and if we spend some time looking at how He worked it all out we will soon see that He took him through the most amazing training camp.

First off, Joseph is pulled out of his home environment which seems to me to have been necessary considering the character of his brothers. To want to kill your own brother does not sound like a good crowd to hang out with! Second, it put him in a position of calling out to God for himself. It says that he feared God and would not break his responsibility to Him. From here God proceeds to place him in a position of managing a wealthy household and prospering all that he does. Then comes along Potiphar’s wife who persistently tries to seduce him and you can only imagine his prayers to God to save him from her. God’s answer to his prayers of rescue is to allow him to be thrown into prison. This next lesson must have caused him to wonder at everything he held onto in God because it was in the act of upholding righteousness that caused him to end up there and now his name was being slandered everywhere by the very one whom he was defending. But once again he is given a place of responsibility as overseer of his prison and here I’m sure he learned what was really happening throughout Egypt by his fellow inmates. So he is now both humbled and taught more than ever so that when God raises him up he is trained and ready to go.

God is truly a genius! He used slavery and captivity to train him to be a king! I was just thinking how here Potiphar has a slave, a nobody, and yet he is one of the twelve tribes of Israel. Potiphar has an entire tribe, actually two, Ephraim and Manasseh in his house so there was no way that God was not jealously watching over him every second of the day. Joseph was the most protected man in all of Egypt and yet God’s creativity brought him up in a way that would cause him to be a wise and humble ruler.

We all complain about our circumstances but when we have upheld God’s laws and yet experience disgrace and seeming confusion, how are we to act since like Joseph, we have yet to see the final outcome of God’s plan? No amount of complaining while in the prison is going to set us free because God is doing a work in our lives and is preparing us for something that we don’t even know yet. I’m sure that Joseph was not thinking that at the end of everything he was going through he would be king of Egypt. I’m sure he didn’t know what God would do to fulfill his dreams but being the ruler of Egypt I think goes way over the top of any of his expectations. So let us give God the honor that is due Him and patiently endure until we too see the end result of His work. You can be sure that He is being just as creative in your life as He was with Joseph.

God bless you all!

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