

Genesis 40-42 Daily Study Questions (cont)

<p>4. From Gen 41:14-32 what did Pharaoh do (v14-15) and how did Joseph respond (v16)? How did Joseph interpret the two dreams (v17-24, 25-31) and how did he credit God (v28, 32)?</p>	
<p>5. In 41:33-44 what advice did Joseph give Pharaoh (v33, 34-36) and how did he feel about it (v37)? What did he decide (v38-39) and determine about Joseph's status (v40-44)? Apply.</p>	
<p>6. Looking at 41:45-57 what else did Pharaoh do for Joseph (v45-46) and who were his children (50-52)? What happened in Egypt (47-49, 53-57)? What was the overall effect on Joseph?</p>	
<p>7. Read 42:1-7. How did Jacob respond to the famine (v1-3, 5)? Who did he not send and why (v4)? How did Joseph treat his brothers when he saw them (5-7)?</p>	
<p>8. Using 42:8-20 what was Joseph's accusation (v8-9, 12) and how did they defend themselves (v10-11, 13)? What was Joseph's "test" (v14-17, 18-20)? Why did he do this?</p>	
<p>9. From 42:21-28 what effect did this test have on the brothers (v21, 22)? How did this affect Joseph (v23-24), and then what did he do (v25-28)? How did his brothers react (v27-28)?</p>	
<p>10. In 42:29-38 after they told Jacob their story what else did they discover (v29-34, 35)? What was Jacob's response (v36) and Reuben's proposal (v37-38)? Did this make sense?</p>	
<p>11. Summarize Joseph's fall and rise to power in 40-42, and how he responded. How did he glorify God in all of this?</p>	

Scripture to Remember

"For", he said, "God has made fruitful in the land of my affliction."

Genesis 41:52 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Treasure in Jars of Clay (2 Cor 4:1-7)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. What is your reaction when you hear the word "missionary"? Why? What are some of the fears that Christians have about this concept?
2. Read 2 Cor 4:1-7. What are some features of clay jars? How were some of the people in the Bible, like Moses, Isaiah, or Peter, like "jars of clay"? How are you like this?
3. In what sense is the "good news" a treasure? Why do we often keep this treasure in our "jar of clay", and how can we change that?
4. Discuss what these riches in God mean to you—bought with a price, free of any charge against us, God's co-workers, citizens of heaven, redeemed, forgiven, loved, finding grace in time of need, complete in Christ, etc. How can we share these?
5. Think of one thing God is doing in your life that can be attributed to Him alone. How can sharing God's message and riches with others accomplish this?
6. Of the three ways to respond to God's call to be a "world Christian" - praying, giving, or going—which one tugs at your heart the most? Share this with your group.
7. Discuss anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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Back in the Saddle

Introduction to Genesis 40-42

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

The Singing Cowboy, Gene Autry, chronicled the virtues of getting back to the simple cowboy life in his song, “Back in the Saddle Again”. There is nothing better than to be riding tall in the saddle again after being down on one’s luck. This parallels Joseph’s life in this week’s study. Starting on top as his father’s favorite, he then hit bottom when family and associates abused and abandoned him. Finally, due to God’s providence and his faithfulness he was “back in the saddle”, being used by God to bless others. The story opens in Genesis 42 with Joseph being forgotten, but faithful. Having been wrongly imprisoned, he had become the overseer of the jail due to God’s favor. A while later Pharaoh’s cupbearer and baker were thrown into jail and both had dreams. Because Joseph had

cared for them they told him their dreams. He declared that interpretations belong to God, so they shared their dreams. His interpretation occurred just as he said; the cupbearer was restored and the baker was hanged. However, even though Joseph had asked to be mentioned to Pharaoh by the cupbearer because of his “raw deal”, he forgot. So, for two more years, Joseph languished in jail and then Pharaoh himself had a dream; this would be Joseph’s opportunity to be remembered and restored. The cupbearer confessed that he had forgotten Joseph, but told Pharaoh that he could interpret the dream. When Joseph arrived he gave God the credit for interpreting dreams, but then told Pharaoh that his dream meant that Egypt was about to have



God raises up key people to follow who change the course of history.

seven years of prosperity, followed by seven years of famine. He further told him to appoint a man to administer the prosperity so Egypt would survive the famine, and Pharaoh decided that Joseph was “the man”, being second only to Pharaoh at the age of 30. He gave him his daughter, he had two sons, and took care of Egypt. One day, though, his brothers came from Canaan for food; in this incident they would be begging, but busted. After being tested they would finally bow to Joseph. Truly, he was back in the saddle again.

Daily Study Questions for Genesis 40-42

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Genesis 40:1-8. Who was thrown in prison with Joseph (v1-3) and how did he relate to them (v4, 6-7)? What happened to them (v5) and how did Joseph handle this (v8)?</p>	
<p>2. From 40:9-23 describe the two dreams, Joseph’s interpretation, and the outcome (v9-13, 16-19, 20-23)? What was his request and why (v14-15)? What does this reveal about Joseph?</p>	
<p>3. Using 41:1-13 what were the details of Pharaoh’s two dreams (v1-4, 5-7)? How did he respond (v8) and what were the results (v8)? To what did this lead (v9-13)?</p>	

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