



## Lesson #6: Manasseh & Ephraim (Genesis 41:39-52)

At the end of chapter 41 things start to turn around for Joseph. Pharaoh gives Joseph a new title, a new name, new clothing, a new home, a new position, and even a new wife. But it was God who would ultimately bless Joseph by giving to him two new sons and the names of these sons are vitally important to Joseph's story.

1. Manasseh – “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
2. Ephraim – “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

God was allowing Joseph to give testimony as he named his sons. Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_ the cruelties of the past and becoming \_\_\_\_\_ in the place where God had planted him.

How do you go on after a deep trial? Is it possible for life ever to be the same? As we open to Genesis 41 we come to a text that helps us understand that God is able to renew your \_\_\_\_\_ and give you \_\_\_\_\_ over your past.

### God is able to help you \_\_\_\_\_ past difficulties

- A. In the midst of trials cling to your new \_\_\_\_\_ (41:42-43)**  
In the prison there didn't seem to be any future for Joseph but now he sees the blessings of God being poured out on his life. Scripture teaches that every believer has a bright future. Even the most dreadful human event can be used by God to make you a better \_\_\_\_\_ of His grace.
- B. In the midst of trials cling to your new \_\_\_\_\_ (41:45a)**  
Having been rejected by his own \_\_\_\_\_ God gave Joseph a new one. What a treasure that no doubt became to Joseph for those who have lost much come to recognize the treasure of the gifts they have been given. So to the Bible teaches that those who have a new \_\_\_\_\_ have a new \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. In the midst of trials cling to your new \_\_\_\_\_ (41:45b)**  
“And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.” Considering Joseph's history this was an unimaginable statement. He had been a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and was still a foreigner. Now, Joseph had gone from prison to palace and from slavery to servanthood of Pharaoh himself. He had been set free by the miraculous working of God. So to we have been made free from sin that we may become the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

### God is able to cause you to be \_\_\_\_\_ after past difficulties

- A. God blesses those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him**  
Tracing our way through Joseph's life we see that he constantly sensed the presence of God. We live in a very \_\_\_\_\_ world but God wants us to be \_\_\_\_\_ people. In an egocentric world it's about “ \_\_\_\_\_,” but God wants us to say, “It's all about \_\_\_\_\_.” You will never be a great servant of God unless you can awake in the morning, walk through the afternoon, and go to bed at night with the constant knowledge that God is there.
- B. God blesses those who \_\_\_\_\_ others**  
Joseph's service of others is a regular pattern in his life.
- 39:13 – He served his \_\_\_\_\_
  - 39:4 – He served \_\_\_\_\_
  - 40:2-4 – He served the other \_\_\_\_\_
  - 40:43 – He served \_\_\_\_\_
- The biblical testimony is very clear; if we would be Christ like we would be servants.  
“... whosoever will be great among you, let him be your \_\_\_\_\_.” Matt. 20:26  
“... even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to \_\_\_\_\_.” Matt. 20:28  
You will never be fruitful unless you learn to serve.
- C. God blesses those who \_\_\_\_\_ His Word**  
Along the pathway Joseph is always sharing God's Word with others. In prison he shared with the Butler and the Baker (40:8) and now he is sharing God's Word with Pharaoh (41:16, 25, 32). What we are learning in the life of Joseph is that he is not \_\_\_\_\_ to minister and he is certainly not \_\_\_\_\_ to share God's Word.

### Concluding Thoughts

How can I go on? How can life move forward after a trial? When the waves of this world's problems come crashing down and you feel like you can't put your head above water know this – **God is able to renew your mind and give you victory over your past!**

The Psalmist asks the question, “Why art thou cast down, O my Soul?” and then as counsel to himself he says, “ \_\_\_\_\_ thou in God” (Ps. 42:5).