

Outhouse to Penthouse
Genesis 41:1-41
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Three Observations

#1. Joseph gave God the credit. (v 16, 25, 28, 32)

"In Joseph's simple, straight forward answer to Pharaoh is the nature of all genuine Christian service and indeed the nature of all spiritual life. We do not find coming from these lips of Joseph any proud assertions about what he is going to do and how he is going to do it. He lived in the awareness that God is sovereign, that it is He who orders our steps and marks them out before us. (Alistair Begg, The Hand of God, pg 118)

"When people follow image conscious leaders, the leader is exalted. He is placed on a pedestal and ultimately takes the place of the Head of the church. When people follow leaders with servant's hearts, the Lord is exalted. Those people speak of God's person, God's power, God's work, God's name, God's word...all for God's glory."

(Chuck Swindoll, Improving Your Serve)

#2. Joseph refused to manipulate the situation but instead waited on the Lord.
(v. 14-36)

#3. Joseph didn't waste his gift when God opened the door for him to use it. (v.14)

Three applications from this story:

1. We must never judge a person by their current circumstances.
2. We must remind ourselves that the preeminent blessing is knowing God.
3. We must define blessing carefully.