



Live the Dream
Joseph: A Life Shaped by God

Genesis 41:25, 32-41

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VII. Process is Vital: God's Dream, God's Way (Gen 39-50)

A. The pattern of God's way revealed

- 1. God will be with us (39:2, 21, 23; 41:38)*
 - a. Practice His presence moment by moment (Prov 3:5-6)*
- 2. God will give favor and influence (39:4, 21; 41:14-16, 39-40)*
 - a. Yield to His Spirit to work in us and through us (Eph 3:16, 20-21)*
- 3. God will give responsibility (39:4, 22; 41:41-44)*
 - a. Be faithful and trustworthy before God and others (I Cor 4:2)*
- 4. God will give blessing (39:2-3, 5, 23; 41:45, 50-52)*
 - a. Be thankful and grateful in all things (I Thess 5:18)*

B. The strategy of God's way revealed (Gen 39-50)

- 1. God wants to develop His character in us (41:38; Rom 8:29)*
 - a. Testing is part of the development process (Rom 5:3-5)*
- 2. God wants to develop trust and dependence on Him (41:16, 25, 28, 32, 51; Ps 51:16-17)*
 - a. Wait patiently on the Lord and continue to trust Him (41:1, 46; Ps 27:14)*
- 3. God wants to develop leadership and leadership vision (41:33-36, 45-49)*
 - a. Seek the Lord's mind and His discernment (I Cor 2:9-10, 15-16)*
- 4. God wants to develop passion and depth of relationship with Him (41:51-52; 50:19-21)*
 - a. A love response is always a choice of our will (Josh 24:15)*