

OUT OF THE PIT

WEEK 5 HOMEWORK

DAY 1

1. Read Genesis 41:1-40. Summarize Pharaoh's two dreams and what they indicate for the future of Egypt.
2. Do you think Joseph's view of God changed during his years in prison? Why or why not?
3. Consider the cupbearer. What do you think Joseph's reaction was when he saw him again? Have you had to face someone who has betrayed or neglected you? How did you react?

DAY 2

1. Reread Genesis 41:1-40. Write down 8-10 thoughts that you imagine went through Joseph's mind as he was being brought out of the pit and to Pharaoh.
2. Think back to a time when you have been in an emotional/physical/spiritual pit and sensed that you might be lifted out. Was it easier or harder to trust God with the end seemingly in sight?

DAY 3

1. Read Genesis 41:14-16 and 25-28. What is Joseph's tone and posture? How do you think the 17-year-old Joseph from Genesis 37:1-11 might have responded to Pharaoh?

2. In our first week's homework, you wrote down some of your initial impressions of Joseph. Have they changed? Write down a few words you would use to describe him now.
3. What are some words that your friends and family would use to describe your character at age 17? Your character now? Write down lists of 5 people, 5 choices, and 5 circumstances that have shaped your character.

DAY 4

1. Read Daniel 1-2. Jot down the similarities between Joseph's story and Daniel's story.
2. Pharaoh recognizes the Spirit of God in Joseph (v.38). Think of someone who you consider "spirit-filled." What characterizes them? Be specific.

DAY 5

1. Reread Genesis 41:37-40. What are some specific events in Joseph's life that have prepared him for his new role?
2. Has God ever put you through a trial and you realized later that that the experience was preparation for something else? How did that impact your view of God, and of yourself?
3. Are you enduring any trial or pit right now that you sense God, at a later time, may use for good? Explain.