

**“From the Pit to the Palace”**

Genesis 41

*To some, Joseph experienced a “lucky break” that lifted him from life in the pit to living in the palace; from being a prisoner to become a prime minister. However, the Bible is clear that Joseph’s big “breakthrough” was a work of God’s providence.*

I. Pharaoh’s \_\_\_\_\_ (1-8)

II. Joseph’s \_\_\_\_\_ (9-14)

III. Pharaoh’s \_\_\_\_\_ (15-24)

IV. Joseph’s \_\_\_\_\_ (25-36)

*Joseph didn’t only interpret the meaning of the dreams . . .*

A. He \_\_\_\_\_

B. He \_\_\_\_\_

C. He \_\_\_\_\_

V. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ of Joseph (37-45)

Life is not a straight line leading from one blessing to the next and then finally to heaven. Life is a winding and troubled road. Switchback after switchback. And the point of biblical stories like Joseph and Job and Esther and Ruth is to help us feel in our bones (not just know in our heads) that God is for us in all these strange turns. God is not just showing up after the trouble and cleaning it up. He is plotting the course and managing the troubles with far-reaching purposes for our good and for the glory of Jesus Christ.

- John Piper