

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC Pastor Phill and Edward Rollins
 WORSHIP VIDEO All Creatures of Our God and King
 PRAYER
 UPDATES Edward Rollins
 WORSHIP VIDEO..... Blessed be your name
 BIBLE READING Genesis 40:1-23
 MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
 WORSHIP VIDEO..... Only A Holy God



Through the Storm ~2
 Moving forward in the storms of life
 Genesis 40:1-23

- What have we _____ that almost led to our _____ doing that we need to stop doing?
- Our superpower: our _____-ability.
- To simply _____ to circumstances, sets us up to _____ those circumstances.
- The _____ that has the potential to reverse the _____ of things, isn't _____.
- The story of Joseph illustrates the _____, the course _____, and the _____ preserving power of a measured response.
- Joseph: kidnapped _____, sold _____, _____, and _____.
- Joseph continued to _____ as if God was _____ him.

'Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favour in the eyes of the prison warden.' Genesis 39:20-21 NIV

'The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he attended them. After they had been in custody for some time...' Genesis 40:4-5 NIV

"Why are your faces so sad today?" "We both had dreams," they answered, "but there is no one to interpret them." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams." Genesis 40:7-9 NIV

'Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your position, and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand, just as you used to do when you were his cupbearer.' Genesis 40:13 NIV

'But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. For I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon.' Genesis 40:14-15 NIV

'Within three days, Pharaoh will lift off your head and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat away your flesh.' Genesis 40:19 NIV

'The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.' Genesis 40:23 NIV

'Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh. Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no-one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.'" Genesis 41:14-15 NIV

"I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires." Genesis 41:16 NIV

'Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land. The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so severe.' Genesis 41:29-31 NIV

'The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?" Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no-one so discerning and wise as you. You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.'" Genesis 41:37-40 NIV

'Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure.' Genesis 41:49 NIV

'When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you just keep looking at each other?" He continued, "I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die.'" Genesis 42:1-2 NIV

'Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the one who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them. But he pretended to be a stranger...' Genesis 42:6-7 NIV

'Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.'" Genesis 45:3-5 NIV

- **Never _____ the power of a _____ response.**

'His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.'" Genesis 50:18-20 NIV

- **God's _____ became a _____ through one man's _____ unprecedented _____ defying responses.**
- **We don't choose the _____. But our _____ is what determines whether or not we will be better _____.**
- **How would someone in my circumstances respond if they were _____ that God was _____ them?**



1. Were your parents reactors or responders to circumstances? How did their pattern work out for them? For you?

2. Is it difficult to imagine the events of your life as part of a bigger story?

3. Read Genesis 50:18–20.

- What stands out to you?
- Given all that Joseph had been through, how could he respond like that?

4. Read Romans 8:28, with Joseph's story as a backdrop.

- What stands out to you?
- What are the implications of Paul's words to all Christians who are navigating adversity?

5. Where are you reacting as expected rather than responding in a way that opens the door for an unexpected outcome?

6. Pastor Phill has asked this question for the last 2 weeks: *How would someone in my circumstances respond if they were confident that God was with them?* How would you answer that question? Give practical examples of what it means to be confident that God is with you in all circumstances of life and how it would impact your day-to-day living.

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