

1. Joseph's dramatic rise to power in Egypt

- a) Why did the Pharaoh appoint an imprisoned 30-year-old Hebrew slave to a prominent position of leadership in Egypt? Genesis 41:39-41
- b) The Pharaoh gave Joseph a new name—Zaphnath-Paaneah, but the Scriptures continue to refer to him as Joseph. Why is this significant? (also Daniel 1:7)
- c) How did the LORD bless Joseph in his newly appointed position of leadership? Genesis 41:46-57
- d) What might the LORD do in you and through you if you committed to trust Him with all your heart and honor Him in every aspect of your life?

2. Joseph's dream fulfilled

- a) How did Joseph's dream, given by God many years earlier, come to pass? Genesis 42:1-6, 9a
- b) Why did Joseph initially conceal his identity from his brothers? Genesis 42:21-23
- c) What lessons was the LORD teaching all of Jacob's sons through this experience?

3. Joseph's reunion with his brother Benjamin

- a) Having initially asked about his absent younger brother, how did Joseph compel his brothers to bring Benjamin to Egypt? Genesis 42:14-24
- b) How did Jacob respond to this request? Genesis 42:36,38
- c) Why did Jacob change his mind? Genesis 43:1, 12-13
- d) What are your thoughts about Jacob's prayer as he sent his sons back to Egypt? Genesis 43:14

- e) What emotions were evident as Joseph reunited with his brothers the second time? Genesis 43:26-30

4. Joseph's silver cup

- a) Why did Joseph test his brothers a second time by having his silver cup concealed in Benjamin's sack of grain? Genesis 44:1-2
- b) How did the brothers respond when Joseph's silver cup was found in Benjamin's sack? Genesis 44:3-13
- c) Why did Judah offer to become a slave in place of his brother? Genesis 44:18-34 (see Genesis 37:26-27)

5. Joseph's identity revealed

- a) Why was Joseph unable to conceal his identity any longer? Genesis 45:1-3a
- b) How did Joseph's brothers respond to this startling revelation? Genesis 45:3b
- c) What testimony and reassurance did Joseph give to his anxious brothers? Genesis 45:4-13
- d) How are you impacted by the scene described in Genesis 45:14-15?
- e) What counsel and comfort do you find in this story for your life today?

