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**Don't Waste Your T.I.M.E.  
Genesis 37, 39, 41, 50:20**

**T.I.M.E.**

Thinking & Training  
Insights & Ideas  
Money & Momentum  
Energy & Effort

**Genesis 37:2–5 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup>*This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.*

<sup>3</sup>*Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him.*

<sup>4</sup>*When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.*

<sup>5</sup>*Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more.*

**Genesis 37:9–11 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup>*Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."*

<sup>10</sup>*When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?"*

<sup>11</sup>*His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.*

# THINKING & TRAINING

## GOD WORKS ON YOU BEFORE HE WORKS THROUGH YOU

Joseph's setbacks were part of his training. God was with him:

IN THE PIT

Genesis 37:12-13, 23-24

IN POTIPHAR'S HOUSE, Scripture tells us:

**Genesis 39:2-4** – *“The Lord was with Joseph... and his master saw that the Lord was with him.”*

POTIPHAR'S WIFE FALSELY ACCUSED HIM

Genesis 39:7-12 (NIV)

Genesis 39:14-16 (NIV)

Genesis 39:19-21 (NIV)

LATER, IN PRISON:

**Genesis 39:21-23** – *“The Lord was with Joseph... whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.”*

## INSIGHTS & IDEAS

### GODLY INSIGHT PRODUCES PRACTICAL STRATEGY

Joseph's moment comes in **Genesis 41** but notice how he responds.

**Genesis 40:8** – *“Do not interpretations belong to God?”*

Joseph is still glorifying God during it all.

**Genesis 41:15-16 (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup>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.”*

<sup>16</sup>*“I cannot do it,” Joseph replied to Pharaoh, “but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.”*

Joseph explains the dream:

**Genesis 41:25-32** – The meaning of the seven years of plenty and famine.

But Joseph does not stop there:

**Genesis 41:33-36** – Joseph proposes a plan to store grain and prepare for the future.

“Sometimes your insight can open doors that nothing else can.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

## **MONEY & MOMENTUM FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP BUILDS SUSTAINABLE PROGRESS**

Pharaoh elevates Joseph:

**Genesis 41:39–41** – Joseph placed over Egypt’s resources.

JOSEPH MANAGES ABUNDANCE WISELY:

**Genesis 41:47–49** – Grain stored during years of plenty.

We are sometimes defined by the “stuff” that we have.

“We have a SAVIOR. Why aren’t we SAVING?” – Pastor Billy Johnson

Train to reign.

JOSEPH SUSTAINS MOMENTUM THROUGH CRISIS

**Genesis 41:53–57** – Egypt and surrounding nations survive famine.

**Genesis 47:13–26** – Joseph continues to steward resources through prolonged hardship.

## **ENERGY & EFFORT FAITHFULNESS IN EVERY SEASON MATTERS**

Joseph never disengages from his assignment.

**Genesis 39:22–23** – Responsibility entrusted to him in prison.

**Genesis 41:46** – Joseph begins governing Egypt at age thirty.

**Genesis 41:50–52** – Joseph builds a family while carrying national responsibility.

“Some of us are putting energy and effort into revenge...you cannot be on a revenge tour.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

**Genesis 41:50–52 (NIV)**

<sup>50</sup>Before the years of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On.

<sup>51</sup>Joseph named his firstborn **Manasseh** and said, “It is because God has **made me forget** all my trouble and all my father’s household.”

<sup>52</sup>The second son he named **Ephraim** and said, “It is because **God has made me fruitful** in the land of my suffering.”

At the end of his life, Joseph responds to his brothers:

**Genesis 50:19–21 (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God?”

<sup>20</sup>You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

<sup>21</sup>So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

You can be the extender of favor.

You have position for purpose.

WHAT GOD HAS BEEN **DOING QUIETLY THIS YEAR**, HE WILL **USE POWERFULLY IN THE NEXT**.