

Sermon Outline

June 29 – “Pharoah’s Dreams”

Genesis 41:1-16; 25-40

- ✚ Joseph in Prison
 - Character matters
 - The source of his character – Faith!!

- ✚ Joseph before Pharaoh

- ✚ The meaning of the dreams

- ✚ Joseph raised up

- ✚ What is God doing?
 - His love for all people – common grace
 - His plan for Joseph – special grace

Points to Ponder to Prepare

July 6 – “Bitter Fruit”

Genesis 41:53 – 42:38

In our preaching texts, we are skipping over some of the details in Genesis 41 about Joseph’s new life as second in command in Egypt. Take time to read this through. Notice:

- The significance of a signet ring and a new robe. This illuminates our understanding of the Parable of the Lost Son.
- Joseph’s family including a wife and two sons.
- His management of Egypt’s food supply during the good years.

We now pick up with Joseph’s brothers going down to Egypt to buy food in Ch 42.

- ✚ Why doesn’t Benjamin go with his brothers? What do we learn from this?
- ✚ How does Joseph test his brothers to see what is in their hearts?

Many Biblical stories do not tell us about the characters’ interior lives. We aren’t told what they think and feel. Most Bible stories focus instead on what people do and say.

This chapter is an exception.

- ✚ Read through the passage again and make a note or highlight all the descriptions of emotions.
- ✚ What do we learn from this story about the fruit of sin.

Scripture readings for the week

Sunday June 29	Acts 18:23 – 19:12
Monday June 30	Acts 19:13-41
Tuesday July 1	Acts 20:1-38
Wednesday July 2	Acts 21:1-16
Thursday July 3	Acts 12:17-36
Friday July 4	Acts 21:37 – 22:16
Saturday July 5	Acts 22:17 – 23:10
Sunday July 6	Acts 23:11-35

Prayer Focus

Summer is a wonderful time for families! Children have more time to play and families have more time to spend together.

- ✚ Thank God for your family and his many blessings this summer.
- ✚ Thank God for each person by name and spend some time remembering why they are dear to you. Count your blessings!
- ✚ Pray for each one by name. Ask God’s blessing for physical stuff but especially pray for the spiritual stuff in each person’s heart and soul.
- ✚ Pray for God’s grace on families in their special activities in the summer months.
- ✚ Pray for families who have hard stuff this summer, like the Baileys with little Colter.
- ✚ Thank God this week for our nation, independence and freedom.