

Joseph: Trusting God Through Trials and Triumph

How to Be a Difference Maker

Genesis 41:12

1. Make a lasting impression

“Now there was a young Hebrew man with us there, a servant of the captain of the guard. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams for us; to each man he interpreted according to his own dream.” (Genesis 41:12, NKJV)

A. Humility

“And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them; so they were in custody for a while.” (Genesis 40:4, NKJV)

B. Empathy

“And Joseph came in to them in the morning and looked at them, and saw that they were sad. So he asked Pharaoh’s officers who were with him in the custody of his lord’s house, saying, “Why do you look so sad today?” And they said to him, “We each have had a dream, and there is no interpreter of it.” So Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell them to me, please.” Then the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, “Behold, in my dream a vine was before me,” (Genesis 40:6–9, NKJV)

2. Practice loyal devotion

“So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.” (Genesis 41:16, NKJV)

A. To his father:

“This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.” (Genesis 37:2, NKJV)

B. To his master:

“But he refused and said to his master’s wife, ‘Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand.’” (Genesis 39:8, NKJV)

C. To God:

“There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” (Genesis 39:9, NKJV)

3. Show loving consideration

A. Forgiveness

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:32, NKJV)

B. Kindness

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22–23, NKJV)

The challenge is that you will leave this place with a desire in your heart to make a difference in your world and the lives of those around you.

