

July 24 | Sunday
Joseph - The Rest of the Story
Read [Genesis 43:1-11a](#)



25 | Mon – Others | Read [Genesis 40:1-15, 23 and 41:1, 8-16](#)

“Why do you look so distressed today?” Joseph asked two of his fellow prisoners. What an odd question to ask someone sitting in jail! In spite of his own difficulties, Joseph was alert to others around him. Sharing his God-given gifts so unselfishly became the means to his eventual release. If you are suffering in an area of your life, try focusing on someone else’s need and see what happens. Who could you encourage today?

26 | Tue – Change | Read [Genesis 41:17-41, 45, 50](#)

Within 24 hours, Joseph went from being a prisoner in jail to a person of great power and influence. How do you think Joseph’s adversity prepared him for God’s ultimate purpose for his life...saving the people from starvation? How was his character different as an adult than what he displayed as a teenager in chapter 37? While circumstances can change in a minute, character takes time. How are you growing yours?

27 | Wed – Trust | Read [Genesis 42:1-11 and 44:3-34](#)

Even though Joseph had learned to forgive his brothers, trust still had to be rebuilt. Read to see how the ‘brother sellers’ reacted when their other younger brother, Benjamin, was threatened by this powerful leader. They passed Joseph’s test which proved to him that they had become honest men. When someone you have wounded is reluctant to trust you again, how could you prove by your actions that you have changed?

28 | Thu – Great joy | Read [Genesis 45:1-18 and 45:25 to 46:7](#)

Imagine Jacob’s feelings when he learned that the son he thought was dead was not only alive but was also second-in-command of the most powerful country in the world. Have you ever lost something or someone dear to you that God eventually gave back to you? What joy and gratitude there is when the lost is found. Imagine that reunion!

29 | Fri – History | Read [Genesis 47:1-12 and 48:1-11](#)

This story is a prequel to one of the most amazing stories ever told - the Exodus. It reveals how the Jewish people came to be living in Egypt before falling into slavery. History does not often make sense as you live it but looking back, you can see how God has led you. It takes faith to be grateful in the middle of the difficult present but would you be willing to honor God by expressing confidence in Him before you see any answers?

30 | Sat – God’s purposes prevail | Read [Genesis 50:12-26](#)

After Jacob’s death, the brothers still feared that Joseph might use his power to take revenge for what they had done. Their fearful distrust made Joseph weep as he repeated his forgiveness. What was the secret of his ability to genuinely forgive? Look in verse 20. Does this truth make it a little easier to forgive those who have deeply hurt you? It is always your choice.

July 31 | Sun – Next Door: The Art of Neighboring