

Hearing from God (Genesis 40:1-41:32)

Keep Your Dream Alive – Part 6
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Psalm 32:8-9 (NIV) I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

John 10:27 (NIV) My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Acts 2:17 (NIV) In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

1. Have _____ in tough times

Genesis 40:1 (NIV) Some time later, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their master, the king of Egypt.

A. _____ others as serving the Lord

Genesis 40:4 (NIV) The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he attended them.

B. Show _____ for others

Genesis 40:6-7 (NIV) When Joseph came to them the next morning, he saw that they were dejected. So he asked Pharaoh's officials who were in custody with him in his master's house, "Why are your faces so sad today?"

C. Trust God to _____ to you

Genesis 40:8 (NIV) "We both had dreams," they answered, "but there is no one to interpret them." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams."

D. Speak God's word with _____

Genesis 40:12 (NIV) "This is what it means," Joseph said. "The three branches are three days.

Genesis 40:14 (NIV) But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison.

Genesis 40:23 (NIV) The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

2. _____ seize God's opportunity

Proverbs 28:1 (NIV) The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.

A. Remember God can speak to _____

Genesis 41:1 (NIV) When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile ...

B. Believe God can do _____

Genesis 41:9 (NIV) Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "Today I am reminded of my shortcomings.

C. Have _____ to obey God

Genesis 41:16 (NIV) "I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."

D. God is a _____ of secrets

Genesis 41:32 (NIV) The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon.

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Intro. How does God want to guide you (Psalm 32:8-9)?

In what ways can you hear Jesus' voice (John 10:27)?

Why is it important to seek to hear from God (Acts 2:17)?

1A. Why was it important for Joseph's future that he served others well in prison (Genesis 40:1-4)?

1B. What character qualities did Joseph demonstrate with the cupbearer and baker (Genesis 40:5-7)?

1C. How did Joseph view the ability to interpret dreams (Genesis 40:8-15)?

1D. Do you think it took more courage to give the first or the second interpretation (Genesis 40:16-19)? Why?

1E. How would you have felt if you were Joseph when no word was heard from the cupbearer in Pharaoh's palace for months (Genesis 40:20-23)?

1F. What can you learn from Joseph's tough times in prison that could encourage you or someone else?

2A. Why should boldness be a defining characteristic of a believer (Proverbs 28:1)?

2B. What does the fact that God gave Pharaoh several dreams tell you about God's power (Genesis 41:1-8)?

2C. How did God use Pharaoh's dream to advance His dream for Joseph's life (Genesis 41:9-14)?

2D. Describe the faith and courage that Joseph demonstrated in his reply to the Pharaoh concerning his dreams (Genesis 41:15-16)?

2E. Why do you think God gave Pharaoh such a detailed revelation of the future (Genesis 41:17-31)?

2F. For what purposes does God reveal the secrets of the future (Amos 3:7, Genesis 41:32)?

2G. What lessons have you learned from the story of Joseph and the Pharaoh's dreams that can help you grow in hearing from God?