



SOVEREIGN OVER ME

A Series on the Life of Joseph

Introduction

Today we continue our “Sovereign Over Me” series with a study titled, “Sovereign Over My Success”. As Christians, we are called to view everything in our lives through the lens of stewardship. This means that we see all of our success as a gift from God. Viewing your life through this lens rightly gives God the glory for all He has allowed you to achieve. Today, we are going to read about the extraordinary success that God gives Joseph in Egypt and how we can rightly view our own successes.

BIG Idea

All that we have in life is a stewardship from God.

Discussion Questions

1. What insight from Sunday’s sermon did you find to be the most encouraging or challenging?
2. What comes to mind when you hear the word, stewardship? What does it mean to be a good steward?

Read Genesis 41:37-52

3. The amount of power and praise Joseph received from Pharaoh is extraordinary. In 24-hours he had gone from the pit to the penthouse. When you consider all that he had been through in his life, you could say he had “arrived”. How could this level of power and praise easily corrupt someone’s heart?
4. When you consider the life of servitude Joseph experienced between his dreams in Genesis 37 and his “arrival” in Genesis 41, how did his journey prepare him to steward well the success he would eventually find in Egypt? Why is it necessary for God to shape us for the task to which He calls us?
5. Read Ecclesiastes 9:10. As Christians, we are called to be good stewards. How do we see Joseph model stewardship in every season of his life prior to his “arrival” as Pharaoh’s second in command? What would it look like for you to apply this verse from Ecclesiastes to your own life, regardless of your circumstances? Why is past faithfulness the best predictor of future faithfulness?

Read Genesis 41:50-52

6. The 7 years of fruitfulness in Egypt were also fruitful for Joseph; he marries an Egyptian woman and has two children. In verse 45, among all that Joseph was given, Pharaoh also gave him an Egyptian name. What does it mean that Joseph did not follow suit when naming his own children? What do these Hebrew names demonstrate about Joseph’s understanding of God’s activity in his life? How can you follow Joseph’s example and keep your heart centered on God in the middle of your own success?