

Chapter 40:

What insights do Joseph's interactions with the cupbearer and baker give you about the type of person he is?

Chapter 41:

Contrast mature Joseph's dream interpreting to Pharaoh compared to dream telling in his younger years.

Explain the meaning and symbolism of his Joseph's son's names.

Chapter 42:

Why did Jacob refuse to send Benjamin with the rest of his sons?

When Joseph saw his brothers bow down, what was he reminded of? Why do you think he was harsh with them?

Compare Jacob and Joseph's view of life and their circumstances

Chapter 43:

Where's Simeon this whole time?

Who convinces Jacob to let Benjamin go? How?

What was the strategy of Jacob and his sons upon returning to Egypt?

Explain why the brothers ate separately from Joseph. What would this mean for the Hebrews once they were all living in Egypt and how would that be different from the area they currently lived in?

Why would Joseph give Benjamin 5x the portion of everyone else?

Reflection:

What do you understand about God through this reading?

In what ways does Joseph's life point to Jesus in these 4 chapters?

God's perfect timing vs my timing

Have you ever lived in constant fear of being found out or all-consuming guilt? How did it affect your daily life? How were you (or could you be) reconciled to God?