

Living into God's Story
A Story of Life at the Top
Genesis 41:42-57

Question: If we had it all, if our wildest dreams in regards to power and riches came true, what story would we believe about ourselves?

I. Joseph: A Pharaoh-made Man (42-45)

II. Joseph: Success made by _____ ? (46-49)

III. Joseph: Living into God's Story (50-57)

"forgetting what is behind and straining toward what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13b-14)

"we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit." (Rom. 5:3ff)

Point to Ponder: What story are we living into? Is it one that is defined by the pain of our past, the success we know now, or it is a story that God is telling?

Next Week: Next Sunday we will continue our sermon series entitled *Living into God's Story* by considering **Genesis 42:1-38** 'A Story Progresses out of Need.'

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