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The God Who Placed Joseph in the Palace

Genesis 41:1-57

English Services
(8 & 10:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.)

Prelude
Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Anthem
Testimony
Worship through Fellowship
Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer
Worship in the Word
Elder Dan Andrew Cura
Worship through Giving
Response Song
Benediction

Filipino Service
(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda
Tawag sa Pagsamba
Pagsamba sa Pag-aawitan
Patotoo
Pagkilala sa mga Bisita
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos
Panalanging Pastoral
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos
Elder Dan Andrew Cura
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay
Tugon na Awit
Bendisyon

See inset inside for the **Traditional Service (Sat., 6 p.m.)** program.



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INTRODUCTION

The life of Joseph is not just about him but about **God!** God who works not only in the realm of the spiritual or sacred, but also in the economic and political areas of our secular existence. Because in God there is no sacred and secular. All are in His domain. Our role then as believers of God, in Jesus, is to recognize the movement of His hands in our life as Joseph did.

LESSON

God is sovereign! In His own time, He works in and through circumstances and peoples. First and foremost, for His own purposes, then for His people's benefit and the overflow to the rest of the world.

I. A TIME OF PATIENCE

1. Joseph yearned for a reason and release (*v. 1*).
2. Pharaoh yearned for a resolution and relief.

II. A TIME OF PONDERING

1. The need for sleep: The dreams of trouble
2. The need for answers: The trouble with the dreams

III. A TIME OF PROPRIETY

1. Rectify a mistake (*v. 9*).
2. Refresh your appearance (*v. 14*)
3. Remember an advice (*v. 15b*)

IV. A TIME OF PRUDENCE

1. Joseph attributed to God (*v. 16*).
 - Daniel 2:26-28
2. Joseph addressed the dream (*vv. 25-32*).
3. Joseph advised Pharaoh.

Traditional Service

(*March 23, Sat., 6:00 p.m.*)

Prelude

Call To Worship

Worship Through Praise

Worship Through Fellowship

Testimony

Worship Through Giving

Scripture Reading

Preparatory Hymn

Pastoral Prayer

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V. A TIME OF PROMOTION

1. Graced with power
2. Given new clothes (*v. 42*)
3. Gifted with honor (*v. 43*)
 - Joseph was given a new name.
 - Colossians 1:26-27
 - Joseph was given a new start in life with a wife.

V. A TIME OF PROVISION

1. Patience provided fulfillment.
2. Performance provided surplus.
3. Perseverance provided relief (*vv. 50-52*).
4. Preparation provided supply (*vv. 53-57*).

CONCLUSION

What do we learn from the person of Joseph?

- Joseph waited for God's time. Patience is a virtue!
- Joseph stood for what he believed in. He acted as God moved. Act like we truly believe that God is sovereign and Jesus is Lord in our lives.
- Joseph obeyed God's plans in God's time.
- Joseph was a testament to excellence. Excellence resulted in Pharaoh seeing the Spirit of God in him.
- Joseph never forgot **God**, no matter the circumstances.

What do we learn from our God who placed Joseph in the palace?

- God is always working out His plan.
- God was always with Joseph—He will be with us.
- God's Spirit was seen in Joseph's life—is He seen in ours?
- God's wisdom was clear in Joseph's actions—can our actions reveal God's wisdom?
- God's goodness was magnified in Joseph's life and in the life of Egypt—is God's goodness magnified in our lives to benefit others? ■

DARE TO BE A "LAWRENCE"

Last March 6, I received a call from Lawrence Jose. Usually a call from him will be about a prayer request. This time it was about his excitement with his ideas regarding the Men's Ministry especially our forthcoming Men's Breakthrough Weekend in June. He couldn't wait for Sunday to share his ideas to me. A few hours later, there was another call from his cellphone. However, it was his daughter Keziah who was on the other end of the line. Her father just had a heart attack, and she was asking for prayers. Three hours later, at 2:00 a.m., another call came from Keziah. His dad went home to be with the Lord.

Lawrence was an answer to my prayer. He was the Men's Ministry Core Team leader, a visionary and a man of details. He was the man I needed to lead the Men's Ministry. He was also the leader of The King's Merchants, our Growth Group for businessmen. He was passionate in sharing the love of the Lord Jesus Christ to his construction workers and to his fellow businessman. His wife Tina, and children Luke, David, and Keziah were richly blessed for having a godly and loving husband and father. Lawrence prepared them to live by faith and to foster an intimate walk with the Lord.

Lawrence knew that he was saved to serve. He knew that there was a specially-designed task prepared specifically for him to do (*Ephesians 2:10*). He was a busy businessman, yet he was busy with the King and busy for His Kingdom.

Dare to be a "Lawrence." Join the Men's Ministry and serve the Lord! Contact us at **0918 942 7350** for details.

DARE TO BE ACTIVE AS WOMEN

Women are nurturers. They are sisters. They are sympathizers. Multitaskers. They stand tall in the midst of sickness, crying silently. When women gather, these are times of prayer, encouragement, emotional support, and friendship. March is International Women's Month, and the culmination of our celebration is next Sunday, March 31. Booths by our different groups—SupaMoms, SHE, Naomi, and Joy Women—will be at the lobby. Please approach the booths if you want to know each group's upcoming events, or if you wish to belong to them and they will be more than happy to serve you. We also have 37 women Growth Groups who will welcome you should you be interested to join.

The GCF Women's Ministry also has two annual major events. The first is **Mugs N' Muffins**, our annual tea fellowship in July where Christian sister celebrities share the transformation of their lives in Jesus. The second is **3R's** or Refresh, Renew, Revive. This is our annual retreat out of town in September. Women, a retreat is a break you need to give your soul.

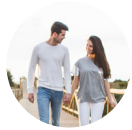
Dare to be active as women! Join the Women's Ministry ■

Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIPS

March 31 (Sun) is the culmination of the International Women's Month! Please visit the booths of our different fellowship groups: Naomi, SUPA Moms, SHE and JOY Women. Tapestry and 4Word will be performing at the lobby after the morning services on that day as part of the celebration.



BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF MARRIAGE 1

For dating, engaged, and married couples
March 30, April 6 & 13 (Sat) at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BM07-08 | Reg. is until March 24 (Sun) only
Fee: PHP 150/person, incl. of food and materials
Please register by contacting 0917 532 7713.



GGEX EXTREME

All adults without GG are invited.
March 31 (Sun), 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall
Free snack and material will be provided.
Registration is **free** but **limited to first 200**.
Register at the booth at the lobby.



PRAY4CDO

We affirm the necessity of bathing in prayer our church planting initiative in Cagayan De Oro. In line with this, we are still looking for more prayer partners. If you wish to receive prayer points regarding this work, text YES <space> PRAY4CDO <space> YOUR FULL NAME and send to 0917 532 7672.



DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS

April 7 (Sun), 12:00-3:00 p.m. at Rm. A303
For more info, contact 0917 532 7740.

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by the Basilad family and the Messiah College.

Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.

Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

Growth Group Express

Mixed group led by Ptr. Emer Manaloto
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Rm. B124

God's Grace GG (G4)

Group for couples
Fridays, 7:30-10:00 p.m.
Rm. B124

Chesed 3

Group for ladies ages 21-35
Sundays, 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Rm. BM02

Best Together in Christ

Group for couples
Sundays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Rm. B508

If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form of this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag, or submit it at the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at 0917 532 1921.

Growth Group Leaders' Training 1

May 5, 12, 19, 26
(Sundays), 12:00-3:00 p.m.,
Rm. A303

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / March 2019

MARCH	Projected	Rcvd., Mar. 1-20	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of March 20
General Funds	8,049,598	7,384,994	General Funds	24,993,272	24,095,265
Mission Support Fund	1,317,698	608,541	Mission Support Fund	3,953,093	2,825,432
Others (Designated, etc.)	954,915	629,891	Others (Designated, etc.)	2,513,309	2,136,282
TOTAL	10,322,211	8,623,426	TOTAL	31,459,674	29,056,979

ABLAZE

Jesus replied, "I assure you: Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

— John 3:3 (HCSB)

Every time we witness a baptism, we celebrate someone's profession of faith. More so, we witness once again Christ's triumph over our sin and death. Baptism is both a profession and a celebration of our reconciliation with God in Christ. It is a public witness to the reality of Christ's death for the ransom of many, reconciling all creation to its Creator.

This is what being *born again* means: It is to be welcomed and ushered into a new reality, a new way of life which God has prepared for us who trust. God opened our eyes to see the goodness and beauty that restores the image we bore in the beginning. Just as we were self-absorbed and self-serving before we were born again, Jesus is now calling us to spend our born again lives to bless others. We now live with a new kind of humanity embodied in the life of Jesus, healing, comforting, and

speaking truth and serving in love. In our obedience, we now reside in the reality of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19:19).

The life we now live, we live with the same trusting faithfulness of Jesus (Galatians 2:20). The God of all creation now calls us to His presence, empowers, and enables us to love Him and to love what He loves—His people and creation.

Let it be that our prayer leads us more to the heart that God is creating in us and for us. As much as it is important to be saturated in the written Word, let us put every effort all the more for us to know the Living Word, Jesus. As we receive from Him, may our hands be open to give, and to bless others, in prayer

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and in service. May we always find the face of God in all that we do, and in the faces of the people we spend day-in and day-out. May our lives be living witnesses of what it is to be *truly born again*, to be a new creation ■

PRAYER
at the Chapel

The GCF Hour of Prayer
Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.

Midweek Prayer Service
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Weeknight Prayer Gatherings
Except Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.

ON THE COVER: "Seven cows, plump and attractive, came up out of the Nile and fed in the reed grass. Seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and thin."—Gen. 41:18-19. Cows grazing along and drinking in the Nile River (*pixabay.com*). The rich region along the Nile allowed ancient Egypt to practice large-scale agriculture and animal domestication.



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Know Christ and Make Him Known

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How may we SERVE YOU BETTER?

Fill-out this tear off form and drop it in an offering bag/box or at the Ministry Information Booth. Please check all that is applicable:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord today.
- I would like to know how to become a Christian.
- I am interested in becoming a member of this church.
- I want to join a Growth Group.**
(Specify age group: _____)
(Specify group composition: _____)
- I want to start a Growth Group.
- I want to host a Growth Group.

Please share with us some information about yourself:

Name: _____

Age: ____ Landline no.: _____

Mobile no.: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Year of membership: _____

Name of Growth Group (if you already have one): _____

*Today is **23/24 March 2019**, and I attended the 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. (Sat) (encircle the time).*

Write below *any* inquiry or prayer item that you want to ask or share.

For hospital or house visitation, dedication service, or funeral service requests, please call or text 0917 532 7794.

God's Way to Heaven

THE GOSPEL

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

God is holy and righteous: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3). **He requires holiness of us as well:** "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

Man is sinful: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).
Sin demands a penalty: "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

Christ is the expression of God's love for us: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). **Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

PRAYER: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe that you died on the cross in my place, to save me from my sins, and I accept you as my Savior, and the Master of my life forever. Amen.*

Need someone to talk to?

Visit the Emmaus Road Counseling Center at the GCF Mezzanine floor or contact 632 1354 to 56, 635 0078 to 80 or 0917 532 7794 for inquiries.