

# The Joseph Company

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## I. Living in the day of conundrums and enigmas

- A. Enigma: a person or thing that is hard to understand; riddle, mystery  
Conundrum: any puzzling or difficult problem (Luke 21:25-28)
- B. Pharaoh in Joseph's Day had an enigma and a conundrum (Genesis 41:1-16, 25-32).
  - 1. A dream no one could interpret
  - 2. A catastrophe looming that threatened Egypt and the whole world

## II. Like Joseph, God is calling the Church into a place of confidence and problem solving (Genesis 41:15-16).

- A. The enigmas we face in everyday life prepare us to be a blessing to the world around us. For example, Joseph even saved his own father and family through the trial he faced (Genesis 45:10-11).
- B. Joseph learned in his distress the confidence of the Lord (Genesis 41:15-16; II Corinthians 4:5-9).
  - 1. The power of our testimony to encourage others
  - 2. A lifestyle of seeing God's intervention builds confidence in us (Romans 5:1-5; Matthew 24:12-14).
  - 3. Slaying our bears and lions (I Samuel 17:32-37)

## III. Solving problems in the power centers of the world (Genesis 41:33-40)

- A. Setting our hearts to bring redemptive answers to the world's problems also benefits us (Genesis 41:41-43; Jeremiah 29:4-7).
- B. Learning to hear the voice of God
  - 1. Fear distorts God's voice (II Timothy 1:7).
  - 2. Many times, God speaks in riddles, dreams, and visions. Joseph knew enough about God to know that He was clearly speaking to Pharaoh (Genesis 41:25-32; Acts 2:16-18).
- C. Faithful administration—a powerful way to hear God's voice and do God's deeds (Acts 11:27-30)
  - 1. Solomon's wisdom revealed God's authority and blessing in an intensely practical way (II Chronicles 9:1-8).
  - 2. Joseph administered Potiphar's house, the dungeon, and the government of Egypt. Each one prepared the way for more authority and blessing. "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" (Matthew 25:23).

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