

Reading Plan for Joseph

This 12-day reading plan over 4 weeks walks through Joseph's journey of trials, faithfulness, wisdom, and forgiveness while helping us apply practical next steps in our own lives.

You will encounter Joseph's Story, incorporate practical next steps and find the Gospel scriptures to deepen reflection and application. We hope that you can engage with the Joseph story in self-reflection and/or family discussion or other ways to encounter the powerful story of grace, loyalty, and God's provision.

Each week's reading plan has a main scripture text which is the text we are using in worship each week. The reading plan has 3 days a week for the reading plan either before or after the weekends services that correspond. We deliberately chose only 3 days of reading each week, so this is manageable for everyone.

Week 1: From the Dream to the Pit – Trusting God in Trials

Genesis 37:1-11 (Joseph's dreams and the pit)

Theme: Trusting God when life takes an unexpected turn

Day 1: Joseph's Dreams & God's Calling

Genesis 37:1-11 (Joseph's dreams and his brothers' jealousy)

Supporting Scripture: Matthew 5:10-12 (Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness)

Reflective Questions:

1. How did Joseph's dreams reveal God's plan for him?
2. How do you respond when God calls you to something bigger than yourself?

Practical Next Step:

What is one dream or calling you believe God has placed on your heart? Write it down and pray over it.

Day 2: The Pit & Betrayal

Genesis 37:12-36 (Joseph is thrown into the pit and sold into slavery)

Supporting Scripture: John 15:18-21 (Jesus was also rejected)

Reflective Questions:

1. How does Joseph's betrayal foreshadow Jesus' suffering and was similar?
2. How do you trust God when you feel abandoned?

Practical Next Step:

Take time to pray for someone who has hurt or betrayed you.

Day 3: Integrity in Temptation

Genesis 39 (Joseph in Potiphar's house & resisting temptation)

Supporting Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11 (Jesus resists temptation in the wilderness)

Reflective Questions:

1. How does Joseph's integrity serve as a model for resisting temptation?
2. What temptations in your life require God's strength?

Practical Next Step:

Identify one practical boundary you can set to help guard your integrity.

Week 2: The Dream in the Prison – Faithfulness in Waiting

Genesis 40:1-8 (Joseph interprets dreams in prison)

Theme: Being faithful even when we don't see immediate results

Day 4: God is with Us in the Waiting

Genesis 40:1-8 (Joseph interprets dreams for the cupbearer and baker)

Supporting Scripture: Luke 16:10 ("Whoever is faithful in little will be faithful in much")

Reflective Questions:

1. How does Joseph's faithfulness in prison prepare him for the future?
2. How do you remain faithful when your circumstances seem unfair?

Practical Next Step:

Write down a challenge you are facing and pray daily for trust in God's timing.

Day 5: From Prison to Palace

Genesis 41:1-40 (Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dream)

Supporting Scripture: Romans 8:28 (God works all things for good)

Reflective Questions:

1. How did God's timing elevate Joseph?
2. How does patience in suffering prepare us for greater things?

Practical Next Step: Reflect on a past struggle that shaped you—how can you use it to encourage someone today?

Day 6: God's Wisdom in Leadership

Genesis 41:41-57 (Joseph's wisdom in leadership and preparation for famine)

Supporting Scripture: Matthew 6:33 (Seek first the kingdom of God)

Reflective Questions:

1. How does Joseph model godly leadership?
2. How can we seek wisdom from God in decision-making?
3. **Practical Next Step:** Where in your life do you need God's wisdom? Pray for His guidance today.

Week 3: Storing Up for the Future – Preparation & Provision

Main Text: **Genesis 41:46-57** (Joseph teaches Egypt about saving)

Theme: Wise stewardship and preparation

Day 7: Stewardship & Responsibility

Genesis 41:46-57 (Joseph gathers food during years of plenty)

Supporting Scripture: Luke 12:42-48 (Faithful and wise servant)

Reflective Questions:

1. How does Joseph's wisdom in preparation reflect God's principles of stewardship?
2. How are you managing the resources God has given you?

Practical Next Step: Identify one financial, spiritual, or time-related habit that needs better stewardship. Make a plan to improve it.

Day 8: Testing for True Repentance

Genesis 42 (Joseph's brothers come to Egypt)

Supporting Scripture: Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus' repentance)

Reflective Questions:

1. Why does Joseph test his brothers?
2. What does true repentance look like?

Practical Next Step: Is there a past mistake you need to acknowledge and ask forgiveness for? Take one step toward that today.

Day 9: Mercy in Reconciliation

Genesis 43-44 (Joseph's brothers return & Judah's plea)

Supporting Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35 (The parable of the unforgiving servant)

Reflective Questions:

1. How does Joseph's story show the process of reconciliation?
2. How can you extend grace to someone who has wronged you?

Practical Next Step: Reach out to someone you've been distant from and take a step toward reconciliation.

Week 4: The Power of Forgiveness – Trusting God's Plan

Genesis 50:15-21 (Joseph forgives his brothers)

Theme: The freedom found in forgiveness

Day 10: God's Purpose in Suffering

Genesis 46-47 (Joseph provides for his family)

Supporting Scripture: Romans 8:28 (God works all things for good)

Reflective Questions:

1. How does Joseph's suffering ultimately bless others?
2. How can you trust that God has a purpose for your pain?

Practical Next Step: Identify a hardship in your life and consider how God might be using it for good.

Day 11: Leaving a Legacy of Blessing

Genesis 48-49 (Jacob blesses his sons)

Supporting Scripture: Matthew 5:6-9 (Blessed are those who pursue righteousness)

Reflective Questions:

1. How does Jacob's blessing reflect God's promises?
2. What kind of legacy do you want to leave?

Practical Next Step: What's one act of kindness or encouragement you can do today that will leave a lasting impact?

Day 12: The Power of Forgiveness

Genesis 50:15-21 (Joseph forgives his brothers)

Supporting Scripture: Luke 23:34 (Jesus forgives on the cross)

Reflective Questions:

1. What does Joseph's statement in Genesis 50:20 teach about God's sovereignty?
2. How does forgiveness free both the giver and receiver?

Practical Next Step: Write down the name of someone you need to forgive and pray for them today.

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Closing Reflection & Application

- What has Joseph's story taught you about faith, integrity, and forgiveness?
- How can his journey help you trust God's timing in your own life?
- Where is God calling you to live differently because of these lessons?