

- Pity is one of the noblest emotions available to human beings; self-pity is possibly the most ignoble ... an incapacity, a crippling emotional disease that severely distorts our perception of reality ... a narcotic that leaves its addicts wasted and derelict. – Eugene H. Peterson

Because Joseph refused to remain uninvolved, God blessed him

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- **Genesis 39:2 (NLT)** *The Lord was with Joseph and blessed him greatly as he served in the home of his Egyptian master.*

**POTIPHAR'S DREAM - Genesis 39:5-6 (NLT)** <sup>5</sup> From the day Joseph was put in charge, the LORD began to bless Potiphar for Joseph's sake. All his household affairs began to run smoothly, and his crops and livestock flourished. <sup>6</sup> So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't have a worry in the world, except to decide what he wanted to eat!

**JAILER'S DREAM - Genesis 39:22-23 (NLT)** <sup>22</sup> Before long, the jailer put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners and over everything that happened in the prison. <sup>23</sup> The chief jailer had no more worries after that, because Joseph took care of everything. The LORD was with him, making everything run smoothly and successfully.

**CUPBEARER'S DREAM - Genesis 40:12-15, 23 (NLT)** <sup>12</sup> "I know what the dream means," Joseph said. "The three branches mean three days. <sup>13</sup> Within three days Pharaoh will take you out of prison and return you to your position as his chief cup-bearer. <sup>14</sup> And please have some pity on me when you are back in his favor. Mention me to Pharaoh, and ask him to let me out of here. <sup>15</sup> For I was kidnapped from my homeland, the land of the Hebrews, and now I'm here in jail, but I did nothing to deserve it." ... <sup>23</sup> Pharaoh's cup-bearer, however, promptly forgot all about Joseph, never giving him another thought.

**PHARAOH'S DREAM - Genesis 41:38-40 (NLT)** <sup>38</sup> As they discussed who should be appointed for the job, Pharaoh said, "Who could do it better than Joseph? For he is a man who is obviously filled with the spirit of God." <sup>39</sup> Turning to Joseph, Pharaoh said, "Since God has revealed the meaning of the dreams to you, you are the wisest man in the land! <sup>40</sup> I hereby appoint you to direct this project. You will manage my household and organize all my people. Only I will have a rank higher than yours."

### How Can I Help "Administrate The Dream"?

1. Don't wait to be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Offer to take care of the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ about the dream!



# Faith The Life of Joseph Under Fire

A Midweek Bible Study Series

## Part Three – Administrate The Dream

- **Genesis 37:5** *And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.*
- **Genesis 40:5** *And they said unto him, **We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.***
- **Genesis 41:15** *And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, **I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.***

Joseph had many reasons to remain uninvolved and not give his energy to the dreams of others:

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ were not coming true.
2. His \_\_\_\_\_ had done wrong to him.
3. His \_\_\_\_\_ were unfair.

### YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ DETERMINES YOUR ACTIONS!

- The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitude of mind. – William James, *Psychologist*
- A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him. – David Brinkley, *Television Journalist*
- The last of our human freedoms is to choose our attitude in any given circumstances. – Victor Frankl, *Psychologist & Holocaust Survivor*