

# { Dinnertime Devotionals }



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**Weekly Theme:** Joseph: Part 9

**Verse #1:** Genesis 41:37-41

(I use the ESV Bible for these devotionals. Questions are based on that text.)

**All Ages Discussion Starter:** How quickly things have changed for Joseph. A few hours ago he was in prison, abandoned by all those who could help him. Now Pharaoh has made him the second most powerful man in Egypt. Why did this happen? Could Potiphar still be around?

**Verse #2:** Genesis 41:42-45

**All Age Discussion Starter:** More big changes for Joseph! Pharaoh put his signet ring on Joseph's hand. What is a signet ring and why was it so important at this time? What other things did Pharaoh do to honor Joseph and his new position?

It is interesting to consider the fact that Joseph was given a wife as well. Remember that marriages at this time were often political tools that showed alliance and trust.

**Verse #3:** Genesis 41:46-49

**All Age Discussion Starter:** To some who are doing this study 30 might seem like a pretty old age, but it isn't. Could you imagine being in charge of a national effort for one of the most powerful countries in the world? Who could Joseph go to when he was scared or nervous?

The land truly was blessed with plenty in these seven years. They had so much that Joseph couldn't count how much grain they were storing. Are we also similarly blessed?

**Verse #4:** Genesis 41:50-52

**All Age Discussion Starter:** During the time of plenty, Joseph experienced a major change in life. He had two sons! What were their names? What did the names mean?

It is interesting to consider how quickly things changed in Joseph's life. He spent years locked away in prison and now he was powerful, abundantly blessed, and had sons. Why was it so important at this time in history to have sons?

**Verse #5:** Genesis 41:53-55

**All Age Discussion Starter:** As promised, the seven years of plenty came to an end and a famine began. When the people ran out of food, what did they do? What did Pharaoh tell them to do? Imagine the power and influence that Joseph now had. What if someone who was corrupt had been appointed to his position? They could charge people any amount for food and they would pay it since they were starving.