

Decisive Decisions

Genesis 41:38-41

JOSEPH MADE A SERIOUS DECISION TO RELY ON THE LORD

In the hopeless darkness of the well, Joseph got his life right with the Lord

From that point forward, Joseph's life was marked by genuine humility and a deep trust in God that never wavered

He would experience seasons of danger and disappointment, but he never stopped relying on the Lord

A serious decision to rely on the Lord is the most decisive decision that any of us can make

Just like Joseph, you and I need to learn to build on the rock alone

JOSEPH MADE THE BOLD DECISION TO LIVE WITH PERSONAL INTEGRITY

Joseph had every reason to spend the rest of his life being bitter about what had been done to him, but he made a different choice

Joseph chose to define his life by personal integrity –

“How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?”

Genesis 39:9

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Sin is not a mistake; it is not failure

Sin is deliberately rejecting God's standards for living

Joseph knew that he wanted God's approval ahead of anything

That meant there was no room for sin in his life –

“... let your yes be yes, and your no, no; for whatever is more than these is from the evil one.” Matthew 5:37

JOSEPH DECIDED TO FAITHFULLY SPEAK THE TRUTH

Joseph was overwhelmed with the responsibility to speak the truth

He also knew that He would be helpless without the Lord –

“It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace”

Genesis 41:16

“The thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass”

Genesis 40:32

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We can learn from Joseph about how we share the truth

He spoke the truth gently, but firmly

He revealed God's message without arrogance

He understood that the source of truth was not his wisdom,
but God's revelation

He spoke with a desire to redeem and not to condemn
the Egyptians

JOSEPH DECIDED TO BELIEVE THAT THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THE LORD

Pharaoh asked a simple question – *“What should we do?”*

God gave Joseph a strategy to suggest, but he was not prepared for how the ruler would respond –

“Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?” Genesis 41:38

God always has a plan for His children

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This is what God is calling you to do

Trust Him all the time in everything

Choose to live with radical integrity

Speak the truth, but only in love

Believe that He will use it all for your good

Never forget –

“It is not in me; God will give an answer of peace.” Genesis 41:16