



Genesis Lesson 34 Chapter 42

In the period of a few years, Joseph's life has changed dramatically. He has gone from the security of his father's house to the position of attendant (slave) to Potiphar, a high official for Pharaoh. He then became an accused rapist in prison for a crime he didn't commit. After interpreting the dreams of some of Pharaoh's officials who were in prison with him, he was eventually brought out to interpret some of Pharaoh's troubling dreams. From here he was

elevated to second in command of all Egypt. This unexpected position of authority would later allow him to not only save the lives of the people of Egypt and the surrounding cities from starvation, but his own family as well. Once again, God reveals His faithfulness to His covenant promise to Abraham through the events of Joseph's life.

READ CHAPTER 42

1. *Why was it so important to Jacob to protect Benjamin? Genesis 35:16-20*

2. *Have you ever struggled with feelings of partiality to one of your children or experienced it in other relationships? How were these feelings displayed?*

8. *Though they were correct about their guilt, were the events happening to them only a result of their actions? Explain. See also Genesis 45:4-5.*
9. *Why were the brothers so frightened when they found their money in the sacks of grain?*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
