

11 RAGS TO RICHES

KEY TEXT: GENESIS 41:14-16,25-38

CENTRAL truth

God grants us wisdom when we trust Him. Today we will watch Joseph interact with the most influential and powerful person of his day: Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt. Despite Pharaoh's immense power and fame, Joseph walked confidently because God protected him and provided for him. As we embrace our limitations, we can trust in a gracious God who provides the wisdom and strength needed to follow Him.

key question

Reflect on a time when God was faithful despite your weaknesses and limitations. How was He faithful to you?

Joseph was aware of God's ability despite his own inability. In a day and age where we are offered ample resources to seemingly eradicate our weaknesses (such as videos, social media posts, podcasts, books, etc.), Joseph's example is refreshing. Encourage students to reflect on a time they needed God to show up in their lives, particularly in a moment of weakness.

keep in mind

- Though students may not be able to relate to Joseph's unique gift to interpret dreams, highlight the reality that God has gifted each of us in a variety of ways. Like Joseph, we're called not to rob God of the praise He rightfully deserves; rather, we're called to point others to Him through the exercising of our gifts.
- Joseph's experiences leading Potiphar's household and the prison became extremely useful as he outlined a plan to help the Egyptians survive the coming famine. The students within the group you lead have various backgrounds and stories. Remind them that because of the Lord's kindness, there is not a single aspect of our experiences that is wasted.

application

What gifts do we have that we often forget to thank the Lord for?

the win

FOR THE STUDENT: Encourage students to remember that even in our weaknesses and painful experiences, we are called to trust in the faithfulness of God.

FOR THE LEADER: Share pieces of your own story and use it to encourage students to see the Lord as a God of provision, despite the pain we experience in this life.

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