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***Recap of 8/16/09:***

*1. With suddenness Joseph’s position changes in Genesis 41. He begins the chapter in prison, he ends the chapter in power.*

*2. For two years the chief cupbearer of Pharaoh forgot about Joseph. These were not wasted years for Joseph, however; God was perfecting him, maturing him, and preparing him for what was ahead.*

*3 . Because of his faith, Joseph was able to go through this time without becoming bitter, vindictive, or disillusioned.*

*4. About the suffering of the righteous, Peter writes: “Since Jesus went through everything you’re going through and more, learn to think like Him. Think of your sufferings as a weaning from that old sinful habit of always expecting to get your own way. Then you’ll be able to live out your days free to pursue what God wants instead of being tyrannized by what you want.” (The Message)*

*5. When given the opportunity to interpret the dreams of Pharaoh, Joseph is careful throughout to give God the credit. (Genesis 41:16,25,28,32).*

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**Genesis 41:1-57**

I. Joseph in prison vv. 1-38

II. Joseph in power vv. 39-57

-what the Bible teaches about planning

-faithful in little things, trusted with greater things