



Grace Assembly Of God

## Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	<b>Genesis 41</b>	Title:	<b>Trust God in the Waiting</b>
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Summary of Chapter:	Pharaoh had a dream but no one could interpret his dream. His cupbearer finally remembered Joseph, a Hebrew slave he met in prison two years ago who could interpret dreams and told Pharaoh about it. Joseph interpreted his dream, foretelling a coming famine after 7 years of prosperity.		
<b>Key Verses</b>	<b>How does it speak to me?</b>		
<i>14 Pharaoh sent for Joseph at once, and he was quickly brought from the prison. After he shaved and changed his clothes, he went in and stood before Pharaoh.</i>	<p>These verses bring great comfort to me to know that even if men forget me, God remembers. He has a plan for me and will fulfill this plan in His time. The waiting may be difficult but these verses remind me that I can trust in God in the waiting because He is very much in control over everything that happens in our lives. Joseph did not know that God was going to make him into a great leader in Egypt and he didn't know that God was using his two years in prison to prepare him. I remembered how I struggled while waiting to fulfill God's call for me in becoming a missionary in Japan. I had no clue how and what I'll be doing in Japan when I first heard His call. It took me 13 years before I finally step foot into Japan as a missionary. During those years of waiting, I was really struggling if God had forgotten about me and doubted His plan for me. When I finally started serving in Japan, I realized that God needed to prepare me in the last 13 years before I could serve in a foreign land where the challenges are great. I lived in Japan for 5 good years, finally stepping into His plan for me to serve the Japanese after a long wait. God uses every situation we are in, even the challenging ones to prepare us for our destiny. In every difficult situation, the question we'll need to ask God is: "What is He wanting us to learn in this situation?" instead of asking Him when He will take us out of the situation.</p>		
<b>APPLICATION QUESTIONS:</b>			
<b>Adult:</b>	Are you in a difficult situation right now, wondering why you are in this situation or if God has forgotten about you? It may be a stressful job, family or health situation. What is God teaching you in this situation? How can you trust Him in the waiting?		
<b>Youth:</b>	Are you waiting for something to happen? Did you ever feel as though God had abandoned or forgotten about you? Discover what God wants you to learn while you are waiting for something to happen. How has knowing this story changed your attitude towards God in the waiting?		
<b>Child:</b>	Activity: It has been a while since we last gone to school, spend time listing all the names of your friends in class. Debrief: Though you do not see your friends and neither have they been hearing you, you have definitely not forgotten them. Similarly, God never forgets us even at times when we don't hear Him or feel Him. He always remembers you.		
<b>PRAYER:</b>			
<b>Praying Scripture:</b>	Dear Heavenly Father, thank you that you are in control of everything that happens in our lives. We declare that you have a plan for us and will fulfill this plan in your perfect timing. Help us to trust in you in our waiting and show us what it is that you want us to learn and grow in. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.		
<b>Thanksgiving Prayer:</b>	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc)		
<b>Intercessory Prayer:</b>	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
<b>Salvation Prayer:</b>	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I/we pray. Amen.		