

## Week 4: The Journey to Smallness

Joseph's story, framed by covenant and kingdom, illustrates the transformative power of suffering as God's way of preparing us for greater purpose. If you've ever faced hardship, felt forgotten, or endured a painful season of waiting, Genesis 41 will encourage you to see suffering as a refining process that brings you closer to God and prepares you for Kingdom work. It's a reminder that humility is the path to true greatness.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Joseph endured great suffering, including being sold into slavery and wrongfully imprisoned. How did these hardships shape him into the person God wanted him to be?
- 2. The message highlighted the choice between humility and self-pity in the face of suffering. How does each of these responses impact our spiritual growth and relationships with others? In times of hardship, what steps can we take to lean toward humility and avoid slipping into self-pity?
- 3. Joseph's 13 years of waiting prepared him for the role God had planned for him. How can waiting be a necessary part of God's work in us? Is there an area of your life where you feel like you are in a season of waiting? How can you trust God in this time?
- 4. Joseph went from a self-centered young man to a humble servant of God. How does embracing "smallness" open us to God's bigger plans? What are some practical ways you can "become small" in your life to allow God to work through you?
- 5. The journey of Joseph mirrors the journey of Jesus and also points to our journey as followers. In what ways do you relate to Joseph's story? What is one way you can apply what you learned in this message to your own life or challenges this week?