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 - a. Why do innocent people suffer?
 - b. How does God work through Joseph in jail?
 - c. Remember [Genesis 39:23](#). How does this relate to [Rom. 8:28](#)?
 - i. Any personal examples?
- II. Pharaoh has some troubling dreams, which none of his magicians can decipher. The cupbearer reveals Joseph gift to Pharaoh and he is called to interpret the dreams. Read [Genesis 41:28-43](#).
 - a. How is Joseph's original dream ([Gen. 37:5-11](#)) coming true?
- III. After seven years of abundance the famine comes. [Genesis 42:44](#) tells the account of Joseph's brothers traveling to Egypt for grain and how Joseph tests them to reveal what's in their hearts. Pick up with the story in [Gen. 45:1-15](#).
 - a. What impresses you about Joseph's attitude toward his brothers?
 - b. How is he able to forgive them?
 - c. In what ways is he setting them free from their past sins?
 - d. What effect do you believe their experience in Egypt has on each of them?
 - e. How does forgiveness free people?
 - f. Who ultimately is set free?
- IV. Finally, Read [Genesis 50:15-21](#).
 - a. How did Joseph's faith in God shape his attitude towards his brothers?
 - b. What lessons on overcoming adversity can we draw from Joseph's Life?
 - c. Read [1 Peter 3:8-16](#) and [1 Peter 4:19](#).
 - i. How do these verses reinforce what we learn from Joseph?
 - ii. What can you apply to your life today?

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