



Faith In Action

Text: Genesis 39:1 - 41:57; 47:13-26

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Theme: **God Blesses Your Faithfulness With Success.**

The Foundation Of Faithfulness.

Remember that your sovereign, loving, faithful God is in control.

1. God is in control of the big picture. (39:1 f.; see also 15:13-16; 45:5,7)
2. God is in control of all the details. (39:19-21; 40:14-23; 47:13-26)

The Action Of Faithfulness.

Be faithful to God at all times and in all things.

1. Always live with integrity. (39:7-12; see also 39 – 41; 47:13-26)
2. Realize that being faithful to God does not shelter you from all unfair, bad things.
3. Be patient. (39:1 & 41:46; 40:14, 23; 41:1)
4. Keep moving forward. (39:4-6, 22-23; 41:33-45, 46-47; 47:13-26)

The Blessings Of Faithfulness.

Realize that God always blesses your faithfulness.

1. God will bless you. (39:2-3, 5, 21-23; 41:39-45)
2. God will bless others through you. (39:2-6, 22-23; 41:56-57; 47:13-26)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. As we focused on Joseph yesterday we looked at his *faith in action*. The foundation for his and our faithfulness is relying on God's faithfulness. Review the scripture references and your notes on God being in control of the big picture and all the details. Now look at yourself and apply this truth to every area and circumstance.

Tuesday. Today we begin zeroing in on the action faithfulness. The first principle we noted from Joseph is to "always live with integrity." Go over the verses and your notes. Integrity is essential to faithful, godly character. It means living the truth you know, making the right choices even when no one is looking. Conduct an integrity checkup. Ask God to show you all the tendencies, areas and specifics of where you are not *rock solid*.

Wednesday. A second key to being faithful is to recognize that God does not shelter you from all unfair, bad things. Review Joseph's example. How have you been responding to unfair and bad things? Integrating this truth is an ongoing process. If you struggle here, go back to Monday's area of relying on God's faithfulness.

Thursday. Faith in action is patient and keeps moving forward ... at the same time! To be patient is not being passive. Review Joseph's example in this area. Identify some of the areas where you have difficulty in being patient and also in moving forward. Ask God to make you sensitive to these and His Spirit to develop these qualities in your faith and character.

Friday – Saturday. God blesses your faithfulness by blessing you and others through you. Go over Joseph's example. Keep a *Blessings List*—look for and record God's blessings. On Sunday we look at reconciliation from chapters 42-47.