

Our Man in Egypt

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Psalm 105:16-23.

B. There are lessons from Joseph's time in prison.

II. God has his purposes. (Romans 8:28)

A. God's first purpose is to build our lives.

B. God's second purpose was to build a nation.

C. God's third purpose was too built a nation through whom a man would come to save all people.

III. God has his methods.

A. God's ways are not our ways.

B. God translated Joseph's dreams into realities through certain disciplines.

1. Service. One cannot become a ruler without first becoming a servant.

2. Self-control. (Genesis 39)

3. Suffering.

IV. God has his timing.

A. God is patient. He withholds his judgment.

B. It takes time for God's people to grow.

C. We must take care not to interrupt God's preparation.

V. God has his resources. (Psalm 105)

A. The Word of God.

B. The presence of God.

C. The grace of God.

Application questions:

1. How can Joseph give us perspective on suffering? Explain.

2. Which of the disciplines could you use the most growth in? What are some practical steps you can take to grow in this area?

3. What is your plan for getting into God's Word better? Explain.
