



MAY 12, 2024

Revealed

Scripture

- 14 Then Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and they quickly brought him from the dungeon. He shaved, changed his clothes, and went to Pharaoh.
- 15 Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said about you that you can hear a dream and interpret it."
- 16 "I am not able to," Joseph answered Pharaoh. "It is God who will give Pharaoh a favorable answer."
- 17 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "In my dream I was standing on the bank of the Nile,
- 18 when seven well-fed, healthy-looking cows came up from the Nile and grazed among the reeds.
- 19 After them, seven other cows—weak, very sickly, and thin—came up. I've never seen such sickly ones as these in all the land of Egypt.
- 20 Then the thin, sickly cows ate the first seven well-fed cows.
- 33 "So now, let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and set him over the land of Egypt.
- 34 Let Pharaoh do this: Let him appoint overseers over the land and take a fifth of the harvest of the land of Egypt during the seven years of abundance.
- 35 Let them gather all the excess food during these good years that are coming. Under Pharaoh's authority, store the grain in the cities, so they may preserve it as food.
- 36 The food will be a reserve for the land during the seven years of famine that will take place in the land of Egypt. Then the country will not be wiped out by the famine."
- 37 The proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants,



Genesis 41:14-20, 33-37 CSB

Additional Resources

Explore the Bible: Genesis, Spring 2024; Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org; Biblehub.com/commentaries; The New American Commentary, Genesis, Kenneth A. Matthews

Connect Church Notes

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Prayer and Divine Providence

We have the gracious truth of Divine providence evidenced in the story of Joseph and his brethren, who sold him wickedly into Egypt and forsook him and deceived their old father. All this had its origin in their evil minds. And yet when it reached God's plans and purposes, it became God's providence both to Joseph and to the future of Jacob's descendants. Hear Joseph as he spoke to his brethren after he had discovered himself to them down in Egypt, — in which he traces all the painful events back to the mind of God and made them have to do with fulfilling God's purposes concerning Jacob and his posterity:

"Now therefore be not grieved nor angry with yourselves that ye sold me hither; for God did send me before you to preserve life. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity on the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

"So that it was not you that sent me hither, but God."

Cowper's well-known hymn might well be read in this connection, one verse of which is sufficient just now:

"God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm."

The providence of God goes before His saints, opens the way, removes difficulties, solves problems and brings deliverances when escape seems hopeless.

From The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds

Praying men and God's providence go together. This was thoroughly understood by the praying ones of Scripture. They prayed over everything because God had to do with everything. They took all things to God in prayer because they believed in a Divine providence which had to do with all things. They believed in an ever present God, who had not retired into the secret recesses of space, leaving His saints and His creatures to the mercy of a tyrant, called nature, and it's laws, blind, unyielding, with no regard for any one who stood in its way.



Reconcile

Main Passage for May 19 – Genesis 45: 1-15 CSB

Monday - Genesis 45:1-2

Wednesday - Genesis 45:4-5

Friday - Genesis 45:8-11

Tuesday – Genesis 45:3

Thursday - Genesis 45:6-7

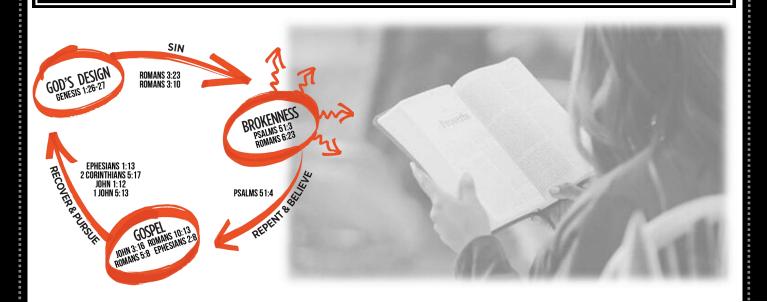
Saturday - Genesis 45:12-15

Memory Verse: Genesis 45:5

And now don't be grieved or angry with yourselves for selling me here, because God sent me ahead of you to preserve life.

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Pass Down the Principle

So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, "What is this?" that you shall say to him, "By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. And it came to pass, when the Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem" (Exodus 13:14-15)

Here God is instructing the Israelites on how to pass down the principle of the firstborn to future generations. He is saying, "When your child asks, 'Why are we sacrificing this firstborn lamb, Daddy?' you are to sit him or her down on your knee and say, 'Let me tell you about when we were in Egypt. Let me show you the scars on my back. Let me describe to you what it's like to be a slave. We were in bondage. We were slaves, but God delivered us with a mighty hand. Because He sets us free, this is the sacred covenant that we have made with God—to keep Him first in our lives. That's why we gladly give Him the first of all our increase.' "

I can tell you that I have had the New Covenant version of this happen with my own family.

At some time or another in the lives of each of my children, they have come to me when I was writing out the tithe check and asked me if they could be the one to give the check in the offering that day. Invariably, when I would give them the tithe check, they would look at the amount and say something like, "Wow! That's a huge amount of money, Dad. Why do we give this much to the church?"

And to each child I've been able to say, "You see, Daddy wasn't always a Christian. I didn't come to know Christ until I was 19 years old, and before I met Him, my life was a total wreck. Let me describe to you what is was like being in bondage—a slave to sin—but God delivered me with a mighty hand. That's why I gladly give God the first of everything He blesses us with— not out of duty or compulsion. I gladly give my tithe to God because I want Him to know that He is first in my life.

To be continued...
From The Blessed Life





Connect Church Prayer Request



PRAYER IS MY DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE ON GOD.

JOHN MAXWELL





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Parents of Young Children - 9:00 AM - Marlon Francis: m4francis@gmail.com

Students - 9:00 AM - Tristan Nelson: tristan@cc.today

Families - 9:00 AM - Sam Jay: jays717@bellsouth.net

Adults - 10:30 AM - Clayton Hutcheson: claybmw@bellsouth.net

Young Adults - 1:00 PM - Tristan Nelson: tristan@cc.today

MONDAY

Men - 7:00 PM - Edgar Gregory: egregoryac@gmail.com

TUESDAY

Ladies - 9:30 AM - Tryna Groat: atgroat619@hotmail.com **Adults** - 6:30 PM - Richard Cooper: richruth142@yahoo.com **Men** - 7:00 PM - Chip Hausman: jwmhausman@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY

MOPS - 9:00 AM - Michele Williams: drbmw37@gmail.com Students - 6:30 PM - Tristan Nelson: tristan@cc.today Ladies - 6:30 PM - Colleen Carlton: sylinqt321@aol.com

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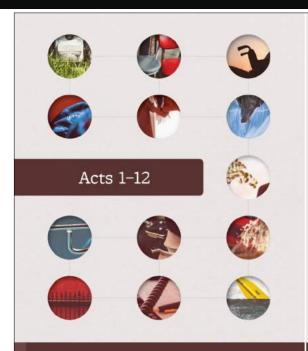
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THURSDAY

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Dental Bus

May 13th—17th

Awana - 'Aloha' - Goodbye Night

May 15th

Ladies and Little Ladies Tea

May 18th

Costa Rica Training

May 19th

Connect Teen
Leader Training
May 19th

Plugged In Connect Kids Leader Training <u>May 19th</u>

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Come and Serve | Dental Bus
Service Opportunities for Everyone
May 13th - May 17th / 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Connect Church Campus

Register online: cc.today

For more info. - jamiefirstair@gmail.com







Ladies & Little Ladies Tea Party
Good Company / Tasty Treats
Worship Music / Devotional Time

May 18th – 10:00 AM Activity Center

Cost: \$7.00 Per Ticket

Registration: cc.today

For more information: sarah.khatri@cc.today





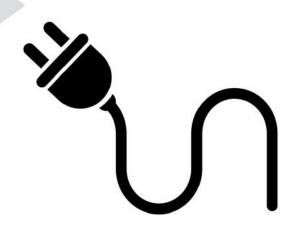


Plugged In

Connect Kids Leader Training Awana, Preschool, and Elementary Connect Kid Leaders

> May 19th - 5:00 PM Children's Worship Room

Please register for childcare at cc.today For more info: stacy.gatlin@cc.today







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