



### Week 6, Lesson 3: The Beauty on the Other Side

*Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end (Ecclesiastes 3:11).*

According to this verse, the promise is that God will make \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful.

**You may not know the middle or the whole scope of your story, but what is the promised end of your story?**

- Tragedy
- Despair
- Beauty

The story of Joseph in the book of Genesis may be familiar to you, but I hope when you dig into it you'll see things you may not have noticed before. God's word is like that—sharp and powerful.

In [Genesis 37:2](#), How old was Joseph when he had a dream about reigning over his brothers?

His brothers hated him for his dreams. What happened next? [Genesis 37:26-28](#)

Read [Genesis 39](#)

Where was God when Joseph was sold in slavery? (verse 2)

What happened while Joseph was serving in Potiphar's house? (verses 7-15)

What happened next? (verse 20)

Where was God? (verse 21)

After he was sold into slavery, falsely accused of rape and put in prison, Joseph was finally released from prison. How old was he? [Genesis 41:41-46](#)

Joseph served as second in command in Egypt managing the world's supply of food in anticipation of a world famine. How many years does verse 47 indicate that the land produced abundant food?

How old would he be now?

It would still be a couple more years before Joseph's dream unfolded. Genesis 45:6 says that there were two years of famine before his brothers came to Egypt to beg for food, bowing down to Joseph. After all he had endured, how do you imagine he felt?

It was 22 years from the time God gave him a glimpse of his future. Why do you think God gave him such a dream at 17?

Joseph experienced the beginning of his life story: He was his father's favorite son, spoiled and living in the lap of luxury. God gave him a dream, a divine whisper, that revealed the end of the story—that he would reign with influence. But God didn't reveal the middle. Why do you think he didn't tell Joseph everything?

What if Joseph stayed bitter? What do you think the outcome of his life would have been?

Instead, Joseph acknowledged the Lord's presence in his life and endured tremendous hardship and adversity for a greater good. What did he tell his brothers in [Genesis 45:8](#)?

When your promise seems delayed, how does Joseph's story of endurance encourage you to not grow weary?

How do you think God wants to use the middle of your life to bring beauty on the other side?