

The Shaping of A Man

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“God Provides”

Joseph and his wife had two sons before the famine began. Their first son was named Manasseh, which means, "God has let me forget all my troubles and my family back home." His second son was named Ephraim, which means "God has made me a success in the land where I suffered."
Genesis 41:50-52 See also *Genesis 41:38-52*

SUMMARY:

Because God is a loving God, and those who follow Him in faith are his children, He does provide the things we need. There are times that we ask for things and the Lord does not seem to “get the job done” on our timetable or in our way. God is waiting for us to look deeper into His heart and discover that He holds a greater gift. God wants to give us a greater revelation of Himself. This is a provision that will never fade; one that will change us forever!

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Thought: Describe something good that happened in your life that you thought would never happen?

Discussion:

- Did you ever wonder why it hadn't happened earlier?
- As you look back now how did you see God's timing in this?
- How did your past experiences help you to become ready for God's promotion for you?
- How can you continue to further God's work in your life?

APPLICATION:

- ☑ What might be the ending to your story that you cannot see at this time?
- ☑ Do you hold a dream or vision of the kind of Christian influence you hope to be—in your family, neighborhood, your church, in Kokomo?
- ☑ Write the details of your spiritual aspirations and read them over each day when you get in God's Word and watch how God's provides
- ☑ Make a list of 5 ways that God has already provided for you beyond what you could have imagined. Thank Him!

ON YOUR OWN...

Psalm 105:16-25

Joel 2:23-26

Philippians 4:10-19

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