

FROM MY MICROSCOPE TO GOD'S TELESCOPE

GENESIS 41:1-57

Sunday, June 1, 2025 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Bruce Dick

Taking God's Telescope v. My Microscope allows me to...

WAIT for God's perfect timing, (41:1-13)

Can I (will I) wait for God's perfect timing? Isaiah 40:30-31

 **RESPOND** with faith intact when opportunity arises, (41:14-45)

and **MAINTAIN** trust in God alone when/if success comes. (41:46-57)

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Food for Thought

Questions & Scripture for Further Study & Reflection

What is this? – Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up in the Commons, let us know on a Connect Card (pew rack or in the app), or contact the church office! Most groups break for the holidays, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some questions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in August!



In the meantime, check out a **Summer Group** this summer! They are casual groups set up around a variety of activities intended to help you form more connections and friendships across Wawasee Bible.



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Food for Thought...

- From Microscope to Telescope.** Microscopes focus on the minutia, but a telescope looks at something much bigger! This week, Pastor Bruce mentioned that "microscope" view of life tends to zoom in on our own personal details and crises, but a "telescope" view sees God's larger redemptive plan. When was a time when you were stuck in a "microscope" perspective, focusing on your immediate problems? How might adopting a "telescope" perspective—considering God's broader plan—change how you view that situation? What practical steps can you take to remind yourself to look through God's telescope during challenging times?

- Waiting for God's Perfect Timing.** Joseph waited 13 years before his situation changed (**Genesis 41:1-13**), showing trust in God's timing. **Read Isaiah 40:30-31 and Psalm 27:13-14.** How do these passages reinforce the importance of waiting on God? Discuss how these scriptures offer encouragement or guidance for trusting God's timing in your current circumstances. What challenges do you face in waiting patiently, and how can these verses help you persevere?

(Food for Thought continues on back panel...)

WELCOME TO WAWASEE!

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

If you call Wawasee Bible "home", we challenge you to pursue **three things**:

1. Gather



Show up *regularly* and gather with us for worship.

2. Grow



Don't just show up, *grow up* spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much *or more* than you consume!

WORD FIND IN THE WORD

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Isaiah 40:28-31 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

²⁸ Have you not **known**? Have you not **heard**? The **LORD** is the **everlasting** God, the **Creator** of the **ends** of the **earth**. He does not **faint** or **grow weary**;

his **understanding** is **unsearchable**. ²⁹ He **gives power** to the **faint**, and to him who has no might he **increases strength**. ³⁰ **Even** youths shall **faint** and be **weary**, and **young** men shall **fall exhausted**; ³¹ but they who **wait** for the **LORD** shall **renew** their **strength**; they shall **mount up** with **wings like eagles**; they shall run and not be **weary**; they shall **walk** and not **faint**.

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Food for Thought (continued)

3. **Responding with Faith Intact.** Joseph responded to Pharaoh's request with faith, crediting God for his ability to interpret dreams (**Genesis 41:15-16**). Recall a time when an unexpected opportunity arose in your life (big or small). How did you respond, and looking back, could you have learned more on faith in that moment? How can you cultivate a mindset like Joseph's, ready to respond with faith intact, even after hardship?

4. **Maintaining Trust in God During Success.** Joseph's rise to power (**Genesis 41:46-57**) tested his faith, yet he honored God through naming his sons with Hebrew names. **Read Proverbs 30:8-9 and Deuteronomy 8:11-18.** Compare and contrast the warnings and wisdom in these passages about trusting God during abundance or success. How do these scriptures challenge you to stay focused on God when things are going well? What are a few practical steps you can take to guard against pride or self-reliance in times of blessing?

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