

Genesis 37:26-28 NIV Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? 27 Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed. 28 So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

Genesis 41:37-43 NIV The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. 38 So Pharaoh asked them, “Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?” 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.” 41 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt.” 42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph’s finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. 43 He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and people shouted before him, “Make way!” Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt.

When Life Gives You Lemons

1. ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR LEMONS AND BRING THEM TO GOD.

- **1 Peter 5:7** NIV "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

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2. TRUST IN GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY.

- **Romans 8:28** NIV "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

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3. WAIT ON GOD'S TIMING.

- **Isaiah 40:31** NIV "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

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4. PRACTICE GRATITUDE IN THE MIDST OF LEMONS.

- **1 Thessalonians 5:18** NIV "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus."

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5. EXPERIENCING GOD'S TRANSFORMATION.

- **Philippians 4:6-7** NIV "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

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