Joseph in Egypt
Genesis 39-41

Joseph is a significant Biblical character
  - Joseph – 11th son of Israel
  - Type of Christ
  - Model believer

Joseph and the revelation of salvation
  - Anecdotes in Genesis 1-11
  - Abraham – waiting for the promised son.
  - Isaac – the electing purpose of God
  - Jacob – the will of God and the devices of Jacob
  - Joseph – a faithful servant

Text: Genesis 39-41
  - At Potipher’s house
  - In prison
  - Interpreter of Pharaoh’s dream
  - In Pharaoh’s house
The Ways of God – Sovereign Ruler

The Sovereign Ruler in Genesis
  ▶ Creator by His Word
  ▶ Judge of the earth
  ▶ Ruler of personal events
    – The birth of Isaac
    – The dominance of Jacob over Esau
    – The return of Jacob
  ▶ The plan for the great nation (Gen. 15:13)

The Sovereign Ruler in Joseph’s life
  ▶ The dreams of Joseph
  ▶ The sale of Joseph to Potipher
  ▶ Success in the house of Potipher
  ▶ Favor in prison
  ▶ The prison dreams
  ▶ Pharaoh’s dreams
  ▶ Pharaoh and Joseph
  ▶ Prosperity and famine
The Ways of God – Mystery and Clarity

The incomprehensible ways of God

› The favor of God brings disfavor with man
› Joseph’s righteous conduct and injustice
› The “tardiness” of God.
› The outcome – certain but “curious”

The comprehensible ways of God

› Two objectives
  – Discipline for the believer
  – Fulfilling the Promise
› Discipline for the believer
  – No punishment for the believer
  – Discipline is uncomfortable
  – Discipline for God’s love and pleasure
› Fulfilling the promise
  – A golden end
  – Sanctification
The Stewardship of Joseph

A model for all generations of believers
- Holy in an unholy world
- Faithful to God

A good steward
- Faithfulness
- A faithful son
- A faithful servant and overseer
- A faithful prisoner
- A faithful ruler

A pure steward
- A sense of sin
- A proper sense of sin

A contented steward
- Submission

A humble steward
- Knowing God

A hopeful steward
- The hope of the dreams
- Joseph lived by faith
CONCLUSION

Joseph in Egypt
  ▶ An inappropriate place
  ▶ The goodness of God

The believer in the world
  ▶ A “curious” and often painful place
  ▶ The goodness of God

The lesson of Joseph – be faithful
  ▶ Strangers and pilgrims
  ▶ Worthy of the Gospel of Christ . . .