Bible Alive 365 – Day #26

Genesis 31-42

Genesis 41:1-57 And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river. **2** And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a meadow. **3** And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the *other* kine upon the brink of the river. **4** And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke. **5** And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good. **6** And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them. **7** And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, *it was* a dream. **8** And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but *there was* none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh. **9** Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day: **10** Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, *both* me and the chief baker: **11** And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream. **12** And *there was* there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret. **13** And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged. **14** Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved *himself,* and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. **15** And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, *that* thou canst understand a dream to interpret it. **16** And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is* not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace. **17** And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river: **18** And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow: **19** And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness: **20** And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine: **21** And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they *were* still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke. **22** And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good: **23** And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, *and* blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them: **24** And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told *this* unto the magicians; but *there was* none that could declare *it* to me. **25** And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh *is* one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he *is* about to do. **26** The seven good kine *are* seven years; and the seven good ears *are* seven years: the dream *is* one. **27** And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them *are* seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine. **28** This *is* the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God *is* about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh. **29** Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: **30** And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land; **31** And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it *shall be* very grievous. **32** And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; *it is* because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. **33** Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set

him over the land of Egypt. **34** Let Pharaoh do *this,* and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. **35** And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. **36** And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine. **37** And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. **38** And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this *is,* a man in whom the Spirit of God *is?* **39** And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is* none so discreet and wise as thou *art:* **40** Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. **41** And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. **42** And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; **43** And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him *ruler* over all the land of Egypt. **44** And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I *am* Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt. **45** And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt. **46** And Joseph *was* thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. **47** And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls. **48** And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which *was* round about every city, laid he up in the same. **49** And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for *it was* without number. **50** And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him. **51** And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, *said he,* hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. **52** And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction. **53** And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended. **54** And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. **55** And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do. **56** And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt. **57** And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy *corn;* because that the famine was *so* sore in all lands.

Genesis 42:1-38 Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? **2** And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die. **3** And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt. **4** But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him. **5** And the sons of Israel came to buy *corn* among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan. **6** And Joseph *was* the governor over the land, *and* he *it was* that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him *with* their faces to the earth. **7** And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. **8** And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him. **9** And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye *are* spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. **10** And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come. **11** We *are* all one man's sons; we *are* true *men,* thy servants are no spies. **12** And he said

unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. **13** And they said, Thy servants *are* twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one *is* not. **14** And Joseph said unto them, That *is it* that I spake unto you, saying, Ye *are* spies: **15** Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither. **16** Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether *there be any* truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye *are* spies. **17** And he put them all together into ward three days. **18** And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; *for* I fear God: **19** If ye *be* true *men,* let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses: **20** But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so. **21** And they said one to another, We *are* verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us. **22** And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required. **23** And they knew not that Joseph understood *them;* for he spake unto them by an interpreter. **24** And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes. **25** Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them. **26** And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence. **27** And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it *was* in his sack's mouth. **28** And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, *it is* even in my sack: and their heart failed *them,* and they were afraid, saying one to another, What *is* this *that* God hath done unto us? **29** And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them; saying, **30** The man, *who is* the lord of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country. **31** And we said unto him, We *are* true *men;* we are no spies: **32** We *be* twelve brethren, sons of our father; one *is* not, and the youngest *is* this day with our father in the land of Canaan. **33** And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye *are* true *men;* leave one of your brethren *here* with me, and take *food for* the famine of your households, and be gone: **34** And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye *are* no spies, but *that* ye *are* true *men: so* will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffick in the land. **35** And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money *was* in his sack: and when *both* they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid. **36** And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved *of my children:* Joseph *is* not, and Simeon *is* not, and ye will take Benjamin *away:* all these things are against me. **37** And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again. **38** And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.