



# SERMON NOTES

## BETTER than EVER

Week 3 (January 17):  
“Moving Forward”  
Genesis 39:20–21

### I. Introduction/Review

- A. If we are wise, we will pause long enough to ask the question, "What have we \_\_\_\_\_ that we want to carry forward?"
- B. Our superpower is our ability to choose a response rather than simply \_\_\_\_\_ to circumstances.
- C. Joseph’s story illustrates the sustaining, course reversing and sanity preserving power of a \_\_\_\_\_ response.

### II. From Prisoner to Prime Minister

- A. Joseph considered himself in some sort of \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with God.
- B. Even though God was with Joseph, he felt \_\_\_\_\_ with his circumstances.
- C. Pharaoh makes \_\_\_\_\_ the prime minister of Egypt.

### III. How Do You Like Me Now?

- A. When we respond as if God is with us, we gain \_\_\_\_\_ that we can’t gain any other way.
- B. God's intention became a reality through one man's catalytic, unprecedented, circumstance defying \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Our \_\_\_\_\_ is what determines whether or not we will be better for it.

*Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message*

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE

## INTRODUCTION

There is more to your circumstances than meets the eye. Your current circumstances are a chapter. They are not the full story.

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### Monday: Genesis 40:1-23

Even though Joseph was walking with God, he was still frustrated with his circumstances and he had hoped that the butler would tell someone about him when he was released from prison. In the moment, Joseph could not have realized that this event in his life was part of a bigger story. Is it difficult to imagine the events of your life as part of a bigger story?

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### Tuesday: Genesis 41:14-49

Joseph proclaims to Pharaoh that he can't interpret His dream, but God can. Do you find it easy or hard to give God credit for your accomplishments?

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### Wednesday: Genesis 45:3-5

Considering what Joseph had been through at the hands of his brothers, when he finally sees them, he responds in a totally unexpected way – he forgives them. Where are you reacting as expected rather than responding in a way that opens the door for an unexpected outcome?

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### Thursday: Genesis 50:18-20

- What stands out to you about this passage?
  - Given all that Joseph had been through, how could he respond like that?
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### Friday: Romans 8:28

- With Joseph's story as a backdrop, what stands out to you about this passage?
  - What are the implications of Paul's words to all Christians who are navigating adversity?
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## MOVING FORWARD

You have the power to respond rather than react. Use it. You will be better for it, and the people around you will be too.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) learned, B) react, C) measured. IIA) covenant, B) frustrated, IIC) Joseph. IIIA) perspective, B) responses, C) response.*