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A New Life Church podcast with Dr. Brian Jenkins

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Summary
In this Theology Threads episode, Dr. Brian Jenkins continues his series on Joseph by looking at Genesis 41, where Joseph goes from the dungeon to second-in-command of Egypt after interpreting Pharaoh's dream. He argues that this success, though remarkable, isn't the fulfillment of God's actual promise, since Joseph's brothers and father still haven't bowed to him. Jenkins suggests the 13 years of hardship built the wisdom and character Joseph needed to be trusted with the dream. He points to Joseph's sons' names, Manasseh ("forget") and Ephraim ("fruitful"), as a model for releasing the past and staying faithful in the present, whether the season is hard or abundant. The episode closes by noting that the famine reaching Canaan signals God's larger plan is still unfolding, setting up Joseph's coming confrontation with his own family.

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Reflection Questions

Have you ever had something good happen, but it knew it wasn't exactly what God promised you?

Have you looked back on your life and seen a season of growth that needed to happen before a promise was fulfilled in order for you to steward that promise faithfully?