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Discussion Guide “Prepared Days” Pastor Daniel Floyd

Starter Have you ever had a moment when life completely caught you off guard—a phone call, unexpected change, disappointment, or opportunity? You may have thought, *I’m not ready for this!* What happened, and what did that moment reveal about how you respond (positively or negatively) when things don’t go according to plan?

Sermon Summary

You can’t always prepare for what life throws at you, but you can decide who you will be when unexpected moments come. Joseph’s journey from the pit to the palace shows us how submitting to God, remaining faithful, and serving others can prepare us for the purpose He has ahead.

ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God’s teaching you.

A (Action): Mark important ideas with an “A” to remind you to take action.

C (Contemplate): Use a “C” to mark ideas you want to process further.

T (Transfer/Teach): If it’s something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a “T.”

Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God’s character? (Read some or all verses together.)

[Genesis 41:37–41](#)

[Genesis 37:27–28, 36](#)

[Genesis 45:5](#)

[Matthew 25:14–30](#)

[Genesis 37:21–22](#)

[Genesis 39:20–23](#)

[Proverbs 3:5–6](#)

[2 Kings 4:1–7](#)

[1 Peter 5:6](#)

[Genesis 40:8](#)

[Job 13:15](#)

[John 16:33](#)

[James 4:7](#)

[Philippians 2:6–11](#)

[Daniel 3:16–18](#)

Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There’s no need to discuss every question.

1. Joseph experienced betrayal, injustice, disappointment, and waiting. How do you think those experiences shaped his character and prepared him for his future?
2. What does submitting to God look like when you don’t understand or agree with what He is doing?
3. Why do you think remaining faithful in an undesirable season can be difficult? What helps you continue faithfully?

4. Joseph served others while he was still waiting for his own dream to be fulfilled. What can we learn from his willingness to serve while he waited?
5. Is there a difficult season in your life that you could begin to view differently—not simply as a roadblock, but as something God may use to prepare or position you for what’s ahead?

Go Deeper

1. Study [1 Samuel 24](#) (David serves Saul). Where might you be tempted to force an outcome instead of trusting God’s timing?
2. Study [Ruth 1–2](#) (Ruth’s faithfulness). What ordinary responsibility or opportunity has God placed in your hands that you can be faithful with right now?
3. Study [Exodus 2:11–25; 3:1–12](#) (Moses in the wilderness). How might God be using your current season to develop something you will need for a future assignment?
4. Study [Esther 4–5](#) (Esther’s courage). What values or convictions do you need to settle in your heart now so you can respond faithfully when an unexpected moment comes?

Apply

1. Identify the values you want to hold onto when life becomes difficult—faith, integrity, forgiveness, trust, and obedience—and decide now that they will not be negotiable.
2. Rather than waiting for a different season, job, opportunity, or circumstance, look for ways to honor God with what He has entrusted to you today.
3. Find someone whose needs, calling, or dreams you can support instead of becoming consumed by what you are still waiting for God to do in your own life.
4. Ask God to help you see your current “pit,” “prison,” or place of waiting through His perspective and to recognize how He may be forming your character through it.

Pray

Here are some prayer points:

1. Ask God for a heart that submits to Him even when you don’t understand His plan or agree with your circumstances.
2. Ask God for the strength to remain faithful to Him regardless of what life throws your way.
3. Ask God to give you a servant’s heart that looks for opportunities to bless and serve others while you wait on His promises.
4. Ask God to help you see difficult seasons not simply as obstacles, but as opportunities for growth, preparation, and movement toward His purposes.

Leadership Tip

Rather than allowing the discussion to remain focused on difficult circumstances, invite each person to identify one quality they want to hold onto when their next unexpected moment comes—such as faithfulness, trust, integrity, or servanthood. Give everyone an opportunity to share; then pray over those commitments together.