

**CAN GOD BE
RIGHT WHEN LIFE
GOES WRONG?
CASE STUDY:
JOSEPH**

Life in the Middle

The Bible passage this morning is...

Genesis 41.41-57

1. LIFE IN AN UPSIDE- DOWN WORLD

Can God be right when life goes wrong?... The KEY QUESTION here is ***What is our definition of 'wrong'?***

In your own estimation, how amazing is it that Joseph was standing before Pharaoh, being asked by Pharaoh for advice?

Have you encountered similarly improbable circumstances in your life? What did you think **then**? What do you think **now**?

Who are some other people in the Bible who had this experience with God?

2. THE TEST OF PROSPERITY.

How is prosperity a test?

Have you experienced extreme prosperity? Was it easy? Difficult?

How have those you have known fared through the test of prosperity? Did their faith get stronger or weaker?

Do you know a Christian who is prosperous in the worldly sense? Do you think you should pray for him/her to pass the test?

3. JOSEPH PASSES THE TEST

How do we know **Joseph** passed the test?

How do you know **you** pass the test?

A Puritan's Prayer: "Lord, soothe my sorrow and sanctify my successes."