

Go to Joseph Genesis 41:55

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Dear congregation, children, teenagers, why do you have a bible? Why? Why do you have a Bible when so many others in this world do not have a Bible? Well, there are a few answers. What is the answer? That you, in God's mercy have been given a Bible is so we may know about creation. Also that we may know that we are sinners. Through the Word and by the work of the Spirit, the Lord teaches that you and I are a sinner. But it is more. What is the whole Bible about? This morning we will study a history, an Old Testament history. Are we only going to study about Joseph? Is that what it is all about? NO. The whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation is about one precious person. Who is that? Jesus Christ. It's all about that only Saviour. Because we cannot know that Saviour through creation, but we can only know the precious Lord Jesus Christ through the Word of God. God has specifically given each and every single person here a Bible. Why? I will read a verse. John 20 verse 31 "*But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*" God has given us a Bible that we may know Him, through His Son, Jesus Christ. And Genesis 41 is a chapter of rich instruction for sinners about Jesus Christ through the type of Joseph. May we beg the Lord for His blessing for the preaching on the Word. That many this morning may come to know the only Saviour of sinners. We beg that the Holy Spirit may work among us.

This morning then, I would like to draw your attention to verse 55 from chapter 41 where we read from the Word of God, "*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*". So far from God's Word.

Our theme this morning is: Go to Joseph. With three thoughts. Three questions. Go to Joseph, when? In a time of famine. Second Go to Joseph, Why? Why to Joseph? Because he has an abundance. Third, Go to Joseph, How? In obedience, in faith, in trust upon the commands.

So the theme. Go to Joseph. When? Why? And How?

Listen, I hear someone saying with a loud voice, "bow the knee, bow the knee". I see a chariot going. See the chariot? I see a man in the chariot. He's dressed in royal clothing. He has a ring on his finger. He has a chain about his neck. Who is that man? It is Joseph. Joseph? But I thought he was in jail. I thought he was in prison. Yes he was, but, Joseph has come out of prison, and he has been exalted to the second in command in Egypt. How did this take place? Well, remember in chapter 40 that Joseph interpreted the dreams of two

people that he was in prison with. The butler, and the baker. We read that Joseph told them that when these dreams were fulfilled, to please remember his case when they came before Pharaoh. Then we read at the end of chapter 40 verse 23 *“yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.”* And now the next chapter, 41, is about two years later. So Joseph has been waiting for two more years. Waiting. That’s hard, isn’t it? It’s hard to wait. I have a hard time waiting. Do you have a hard time waiting? Joseph was sitting in that prison. What a time of need. What a time when possibly many questions came in his heart. Maybe a little voice said “where is your God? Where is he? What do you think will happen with your dreams? Do you think your dreams will ever be fulfilled? Look you’re sitting in prison. It will never happen.” But no. The Lord will never forget His children. Joseph is one of the children of God. And in that prison, Joseph had to wait. But it came, that at the Lord’s time Joseph would come out of that prison. And he did. I have a question for you now. Has the Lord spoken to you from His Word? Not an audible voice, but in the past has the Lord has spoken to you from His Word? And now, it seems as though it is all quiet. Or even worse, it seems like that Word, is impossible. It seems to be absolutely impossible for you. For you, yes. But remember what the Lord says He will do. He will never ever break His Word. He can not. He is the covenant keeping, faithful Jehovah. And what He says, and what He promises, He will do. Why? Because that covenant is sealed with the blood of the precious Lord Jesus Christ. Joseph came out of that prison, and he was exalted. In this chapter are numerous parallels, for Joseph, in many different ways, is a type or example of the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember the Lord Jesus Christ? He came from the glory of being with His Father in heaven, and He came down, He humbled Himself, He came to this sinful earth, He suffered, He died, and then He was exalted to the highest, at the right hand of God.

And now Pharaoh has a dream. He asks his magicians to tell him the meaning of it. But they can’t tell him the meaning. And now the butler remembers. It comes back into his memory about Joseph. And he tells Pharaoh about Joseph. And quickly Joseph is called and he comes before the king. And Pharaoh says, in verse 15, *“I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.”* Does Joseph become proud? Listen to what Pharaoh says about him.! But no, he doesn’t. Listen to what he says, in verse 16, *“It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.”* How courageous and godly Joseph was in his humiliation, but also when he comes to the point of his exultation. He gives God the honour, he gives God the glory, he could have easily said, “I can tell you. Tell me your dream and I shall interpret it for you.” No, he says God will. He gives the glory to God. Is that you? Is that me? Do we try to receive honour and glory to ourselves or do we give honour and glory to the Lord. Then Pharaoh proceeded to tell him the dreams. We know the dreams. Remember. There were seven fat cows, and they were eaten by the seven skinny cows and they didn’t get any fatter. Then we know those stalks of corn, the fat ones and then they ate the seven ears of skinny corn. Joseph listened to those dreams and he said, “Pharaoh, both dreams have the same meaning, the Lord is revealing to you Pharaoh, that there will be

seven years of plenty, and then there will be seven years of utter famine.” What a mercy, that the Lord revealed to this wicked monarch of Egypt of what was going to take place. Pharaoh listens, and he says to his people around him, *“can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the spirit of God is?”* And now let’s draw a parallel to Christ. This is what Pharaoh said of Joseph. But Jesus Christ, He it is that is full of the spirit. Remember when He was baptised at the river Jordan? The Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove, and He was full of the Spirit. Without measure. Joseph was then exalted to the second ruler in Egypt. The dreams of Pharaoh were fulfilled. This is a lesson for us. A lesson for you, that have received a word of God, and are in a time of waiting. The Lord will fulfil His Word, at His time. And the Lord’s time is perfect. We read in Psalm 27 verse 14 *“Wait on the LORD, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.”* Well in this chapter there was those seven years of plenty, and then there came those seven years of famine. We read this in verse 53 and 54 *“and the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended. And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all the lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.”* And so there came a great need in Egypt. Remember our first point. What was it? It was a question. When? It was in a time of famine. And now there is a great famine in the land of Egypt. Have you ever experienced hunger? Have you? Have you ever missed one day of food. I don’t think anyone here has ever experienced what hunger is. But if you go to Bolivia, you see hunger. Yes, there are many rich people there too, but there are also those that experience extreme hunger, they have real poverty. Maybe you have seen pictures of children with those swollen stomachs, skinny legs and skinny arms, suffering from hunger. What misery there is in the world because of hunger, because of famine. Why? Why are there famines? Why was there a famine in Egypt? Why are there famines in the world today? What is the reason for misery? What is the reason? Some answer these questions and say *“If God is love, why is there so much suffering? Or if God is so mighty, why don’t all the people over the world have food?”* They are critical. They ask these harsh questions about God. Is that the response? Is that how we should deal with it? No, absolutely not. What is the answer? Why is there misery? Why do I experience suffering in my life? Why do you experience sufferings, afflictions in your life? Why are there famines? The answer is sin. It is because of our sin, because of our rebellion against God. You and I are like the prodigal son. When he was in his fathers’ house he never experienced one day of hunger. He never lacked anything. Adam and Eve, in paradise never suffered from extreme hunger. They had no experience with misery. But in the moment that our father, Adam our covenant head, fell in sin, misery has come. It is our guilt. And when we experience these things, famines, or afflictions, personally or we see it, it should cause us to bow, confess our sin. The Lord is speaking through these ways. There is physical hunger in this world. But there is another hunger. Some, I hope many, I wish you all would know of that. That hunger, that spiritual hunger. That missing of God. Are there those this morning here, that are hungry, that are thirsty, that miss God? Do you? It is a personal question for myself and you. Do you hunger for God and for Jesus Christ? When a person is hungry, starving, they will try to satisfy

themselves to have food to live. With anything. There are many foods in Bolivia that I don't want to eat, but I am sure that if I was supremely hungry and suffering, I would eat it, to live. And what about you and me? From that moment when we left God in paradise, we try to satisfy ourselves, to fill ourselves. With what? With God? With Christ? Not by nature. No. We try to satisfy ourselves with the things of the world. I want to say this very carefully and lovingly, that when I come back into Chilliwack, when you look around in Chilliwack you live like kings. When you travel in Bolivia, and especially in the country, there you see so much poverty. Prosperity is a blessing, yes. A blessing from God. Is it a blessing to be so rich? I don't know. But do you hunger for God? Or are you trying to buy more toys, to get bigger, and bigger? I know what that is like. I don't look down on you. I stand beside you. But it is a question for us. Is there something else in your life? Do you hunger for God? Is this a picture of you and me that we read in Jeremiah 2 versed 13. *"For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."* The people in Egypt and the surrounding countries became hungry and we read in our text that they cried unto Pharaoh. "Cried" means there is urgency, there is a need. They needed food or they would die. Living, hungry people, beg. They will do anything to receive food. Dead people don't beg. They can't. They don't have a voice. When they die, it is too late. But living people beg. Are you a beggar? Children? Teenagers? Have you become a beggar? You say, "I don't need food. The cupboards are full. I have lots of food." Thank the Lord for that today. Thank Him for those blessings. But I still have the question. Have you become a beggar? A beggar? Yes. No, not for food, but for God and Jesus Christ? Today, in Bolivia, and I think, in North America many say they are Christians, but they have never become a beggar. Isn't that strange? I think that is very strange. Very strange. Because when the Lord works, and we learn who we are, and that we have no rights, we become a beggar. We become a beggar at the throne of grace, begging the Lord for His grace, for life, for everything from Him, without rights. Or has it become different in your life? Are you a beggar, by God's grace. And even though you may be very rich with the things of the world, there is nothing wrong with being rich, you may be very rich, but is there something else in your life? That there is a need and you confess with David in Psalm 42 *"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee oh God, my soul thirsteth for God, for the living God."*

In chapter 42 we read, *"and when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do you look one upon another? 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."* Hungry people are active. They become active. And born again sinners, by the grace of God become active. They become hungry. Hungry people, naturally, will do much, they will travel, they will spend money, they will beg, they will walk up to your window in the intersections in Bolivia and say "please, give me a little money." They will wash your window, hoping to get some food. They are active. Have you become active? Active. By God's grace, a true Christian will be active. Seeking. Reading the Word of God, coming to

God's house, hungry, bowing the knees and begging the Lord for food and for drink for their soul. They want communion with God. They want to be reconciled with God. They love when they hear His voice through the Word of God. They want to see Him. They want to see the Lord. They want to find the Lord Jesus Christ. They are active. Are you still passive? Or are you active? They beg, they cry for God. For Christ. They cried to Pharaoh for bread. What do those hungry sinners cry for? What is the bread that feeds their soul? What is it? Young people? Is it the law? They love to read the ten commandments? They love the law. They love to show their love to the Lord through the law. But does the law really feed their soul? Is it their experiences? Experiences given to them by God, through the work of the Holy Spirit? Does that feed their soul? Hungry sinner, what feeds your soul? What is that bread that feeds your soul? What is it? It is the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not Joseph. it is not Pharaoh. No. It is the Lord Jesus Christ. We read in John 6 verse 35. *"I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."* A Christian is a hungry beggar seeking Jesus Christ, because they want that restored relationship with God. A true confession comes to the point, it is like *"give me Jesus or I die."* They can't live without Him anymore. They need the bread of life. Can you live without Jesus Christ? Can you? They can't. They need Him. They seek Him. And Pharaoh said, go to Joseph. There may have been thousands and thousands of people. I don't know how many people there were in that day living in Egypt and in those surrounding countries. Is there going to be enough for all those people? Or will they perish? Another question. Is there enough for hungry and thirsty sinners in Jesus Christ? Is there sufficient grace for a great sinner? Maybe that is your question this morning. Is there enough grace for me. The Lord can save others, but for me?

And so we go to our second point. Why? Go to Joseph, Why?

Why was the command given? Because he has an abundance. Is there an abundance in Egypt for all those starving people? And is there abundance in Jesus Christ for the chiefest of sinners? I will try to answer these two questions from the word of God.

The first question, whether there is sufficient for all the starving people. This can be answered from our chapter. In this chapter in verses 47 and 49 there is repeating phrases that stress the abundance. When the Lord repeats things in His Word, it is to catch our attention, and to give emphasis. I will mention some of them. Verse 47 we read, *"And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls"*. Not just a handful, but many. So there is the first expression that there is an abundance by *"handfuls"*. Verse 49, *"And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea."* Children have you ever been to a beach? When you go there, you see all the sand. If you sit in one little area, have you ever tried to count all the little particles of sand? You say, that is impossible. Exactly. And so here we read in the Word of God, the corn was gathered as the sand of the sea. You can't number it. It is an expression that there is an absolute abundance. And then we read two more words in

verse 49 *“very much”*. There is an abundance. And then in verse 49 also, *“until he left numbering, for it was without number.”* That’s interesting, because the Egyptians were known as being good “accountants” as you would say today. They were known for the recording of things. But these Egyptians, as good as they were at recording details, the counting and numbering had to stop. They couldn’t record it all. And so the conclusion is that no Egyptian and even those in the surrounding countries needed to die of starvation because there was an abundance.

The second question. What was the second question? Maybe it is your question? Is there an abundance of Grace for me? Not for other people, but for me? An abundance of grace for me, the chiefest of sinners? I will answer that also from the Word of God. I will mention several texts. The first one is in Ephesians 1 verse 7, where we read *“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.”* Sinner, there is an abundance in Jesus Christ for the chiefest of sinners. Ephesians 2 verse 4, *“but God, who is rich in mercy,”* it speaks of an abundance. Are you listening? Sinners, there is an abundance. Ephesians 2 verse 7 *“that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.”* There is an abundance in God, through Jesus Christ. Ephesians 3 verse 8 *“that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.”* The Egyptians couldn’t number the abundance. Can we number the abundance of the riches and the beauty that are in Jesus Christ? It is going to take all the redeemed and eternity to sing, and they will never finish glorifying and praising him for the abundance of grace that saved such a sinner as they are. Sinner, there is an abundance. Romans 5 verse 20 *“But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.”* Sin abounded and grace? Abounded! Does it just come equal, just level, or maybe just a little bit more? NO! Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. That is Jesus Christ. The greater Joseph. He has blood to wash you from all your sins. The sins of your youth, the sins of today and the sins of the future. He has that robe, that precious robe of His righteousness, to clothe you from all your rags, that you may stand before that Holy, that Mighty Creator of the heavens and the earth, that you have sinned against. That I have sinned against. And that God the Father can look upon you and smile and embrace you, and love you, and take you home. Why. Why are there numerous times in the Bible that specifically expresses the abundance of the grace. Why? Because there are poor sinners, by the work of the Holy Spirit who don’t only see that they did some errors, but they come to see that they sin, they have sin, they are sin, and they remain sin. They long to hear of the abundance in Jesus Christ, because that gives hope for their poor soul. But there is also something else. Why do you have a Bible? It is because the Lord gave you a personal Bible. I hope you never read the Bible the same again. I hope you see it when you come home. You see it as a gift for you, where God the Father wants to tell you about His Son. Sometimes we have to write a little article in the mission magazine to explain things about Bolivia. But God the Father, He is the author of the Word of God, that He has given to you specifically that you may believe in His Son, Jesus Christ. That you may have faith in Him. Faith cometh by

hearing by the Word of God, but that also you may have joy in Him. Listen to what John wrote 1 John 1 verse 4 *“And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.”* In John 20 verse 31 *“but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.”* The Egyptians had no reason to doubt that there was an abundance for them, for their children and for their families. There was abundance in Joseph, and no sinner needs to doubt if there is sufficiency in Jesus Christ. There is an infinite value in His blood. There is no sinner too wicked, that His blood can not cleanse. You can mention to me the most horrible sin, but we read in the Word of God, that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from ... it's a little tiny word... but it is precious, ALL sin. There is infinite power. Joseph was exalted. He had power, but he is incomparable to Jesus Christ. He who is at the right hand of God the Father, He has power to save lost, dead enemies. Those that are bound by sin and Satan. He only has to say “live” and they will live. There is an infinite compassion in Jesus Christ. Can you read in the Word of God of one that came to Jesus and He sent them away? Of one that came to Him with a need, begging, as a beggar, as a hungry as a thirsty one. Can you read of one? I can't read of one to prove to us today . None. None will be sent away. None. No Egyptian needed to perish. None needed to. No sinner will ever perish because of the lack of grace and the abundance of Jesus Christ. None will perish because of that. They cannot. Why? Because the death of Jesus Christ is sufficient, abundantly sufficient to save sinners of the whole world. There is an abundance in Him. Abundance. And there is an abundance in Joseph, so Pharaoh could say, *“go to Joseph”*. There is an abundance in Jesus Christ, my friends. This morning I may say to you, “Go unto Joseph, go to Jesus Christ. Cry unto Him. There is an abundance of grace in God through Jesus Christ. There is a command. *‘Go to Joseph’*. There is a command this morning. Is there? Yes there is. What is that command?

Well first we will sing before we go to our last thought. Psalter 431:4,5,6

Go to Joseph. When? In a time of need. In a time of famine. Why? Because He has an abundance. And now our third thought. “Go to Joseph.” How?

In obedience to the command. Pharaoh said in verse 55 *“Go unto Joseph.”* Pharaoh had given a new name to Joseph. Zaphnath-paaneah. Which means saviour of the world. Joseph was the physical saviour of the world at that time. They needed to go to Joseph to be able to have food to live. And Pharaoh said *“Go to Joseph.”* He had an abundance. Store houses full. But my friend, we need someone greater than Joseph. You do. I do. Why? Joseph could only help with the physical hunger. That is all. Joseph could not help with anything else. And you and I, we have a greater need than a physical hunger. We have a spiritual need. And who is

greater than Joseph? Who, children? Joseph is a type of Jesus Christ. Pharaoh gave Joseph a beautiful new name. How many names does the Lord Jesus have? I believe, there is over one hundred names of Jesus Christ in the Bible. Why do we have names? We have names to tell the difference between two different people. Right? But why does the Lord Jesus Christ have so many names? My name doesn't mean anything to you. It is not important. But the Lord Jesus Christ has many names and each name is important, because it explains something about who He is. And those names become so precious. The Egyptians heard of Zaphnath-paaneah. It was music to their ears. But have the names of Jesus Christ become precious to you? His name The Lord our Righteousness. You know when that name becomes precious? When you have no righteousness of yourself. You need a righteousness, because the Lord says, be ye holy for I am holy. You cannot stand before Him with all your sin and iniquities. You need to be holy. You need someone to cover you, to stand between that Holy God, and you a sinner. Mediator, Jesus Christ. The Mediator. The Redeemer. But another very precious name. Children, what did the angel tell the parents of the Lord Jesus to name the little child that would be born in a manger? Jesus. Has that name become sweet to your soul? Jesus, that means Jehovah saves. Matthew 1 verse 21 where we read *"and she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins."* There is no name, that I am called to proclaim as an ambassador of the king of kings, except that only name throughout the world. And that is Jesus Christ. Neither is there salvation in any other, *'for there is no other name under heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved'*. Has His name, or His names, become precious to you?

Joseph was exalted by Pharaoh, but Jesus Christ, He was exalted by the Father over the entire world, over the entire universe. All power was given to Him. We read in Philippians 2 verse 9 to 11. *"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name; That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* Remember when we began this sermon. We said, listen, bow the knee. And there went Joseph in the chariot. But have you, are you bowing your knee with your heart, with everything? Not before Joseph, not before any man, but have you, are you bowing before King Jesus? Are you bowing before Him as Lord and Saviour? Pharaoh commanded the people, *"Go unto Joseph, and what he saith to you, do."* In obedience to this command the people, received food, which meant life. See the people going to Joseph? And Joseph gave instruction, go to that street, go on this block, there is a storehouse. Knock on that door. No, actually the doors were wide open. But there you will find food. Go there and you will live. And if the people refused to obey Pharaoh, refused to go to Joseph and refused the instruction of Joseph, that meant death, starvation, certain death. The Egyptians received a command and instruction. Is there a command and instruction for each and every single one of us here this morning? Yes, there is. Is there instruction for perishing sinners? Yes, there is. Is there instruction for a hungry and needy



and thirsty soul this morning? Yes. From me? No. From Genesis, from Moses the author of this book? No. But from God, from God the Father. Listen to what we read in Matthew 17 verse 5, *"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."* Remember, Pharaoh said, *"what he saith, do."* What God the Father says this morning, what He says, do. Hear ye Him? Joseph had instruction for the people. What instruction does Jesus Christ have for you and me this morning? I will mention a few, because there is many. My friend, are you still living in sin? Are you? Living and knowing sin and refusing to forsake it. To put it off? To crucify it? You don't want to because you still love it. That is the reason. Because you still love it. The Lord Jesus has a word for you. A command and instruction. We read in Mark 1 verse 14 through 15, *"Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, 'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.'" He says "repent".* Turn away. Turn away from all sin, and turn to Me, and cry out to Me, and believe in Me and you shall have life. You shall have eternal life. Repent and believe. My friend, what are you trying to fill your life with? Young people, older ones? What are you trying to find joy in? Are you still trying to find joy and pleasures in the world? Jesus Christ has instructions for you this morning. And it is a command. Matthew 6 verse 33 *"but seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* Seek first, not second, or third, but first, the kingdom of God. Do you have curious questions? Questions about election? Questions about all those different things? How many will be saved? Etc etc. The Lord Jesus has an instruction for you this morning. Remember that one man that came to Him and asked Him "how many will be saved?" What did the Lord Jesus say to him? Did He give him some numbers? No, He didn't. He gave him a command. He gave him instruction. And He said *"strive to enter in at the strait gate."* That is the instruction. Who can say that is not for me this morning. No, it is for every one of us. Strive, that means do your utmost, like your life depends upon it, your eternal life depends upon it. Strive. In that striving, you will find many lessons. You cannot by yourself and you'll need that Saviour for everything. But strive to enter in. Are there sinners this morning trembling? Trembling and fearing? "I'm too sinful. I'm too wicked. Would the Lord ever receive such a one as me? Such a sinner?" He has an instruction for you also, poor sinner. The Lord Jesus says in Isaiah 55 verse 3 *"Incline your ear, and come unto me; Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David."* God the Father commands us to listen to His Son. Hear ye Him. The people who refused to listen to Pharaoh and Joseph died. And those who refuse, who reject Jesus Christ will do likewise. Yes, that is what we do. Faith is a gift of God. Absolutely Amen to that. But by nature we only resist, we resist, and in this life you are greatly blessed. You have a Bible. You have heard the gospel preached to you for so many years. How? How will you escape, if you neglect so great salvation. It is a command to repent and believe. But what God demands He also gives. That's the beauty of it. Cry to Him. Those people cried to Pharaoh, cried to him, "Lord give me grace. Work with thy Holy Spirit in me. That I become hungry. That I become a lost sinner and reveal to me the only Saviour, Jesus Christ." It's beautiful. It's history. I've only mentioned a few examples of the how Joseph is a type of Jesus Christ.

Whoever was hungry, was called to go to Joseph. Joseph had an abundance. But did he receive them? Yes, he did because we read in verse 56 *"and Joseph opened all the storehouses."* And who ever came to him, we may believe that they could buy food. Whatever Egyptian, whatever citizen, also those that lived in other lands. Jacob's sons, they came, they received food. Is not this a wonderful history whereby we see the beautiful gospel of God's grace through His Son Jesus Christ. Go to Jesus. Go to Him. Cry out to Him. He is the only one that can save you from all your sins. There is one more thing. All that came to Joseph received food, and all those that come to Jesus, receive. None will be turned away, because we read what the Lord said in John 6 verse 37 *"and all that the Father giveth me shall come to me;"* and then we read such a precious promise, *"and him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out"*. Many beautiful similarities, but there is one great difference, which is also a rich comfort. Because when the Egyptians and the other people came, they had to buy their food. Read in Chapter 47 in Genesis that when they had no more money, and the famine continued, they sold their animals to buy food. And when the famine continued, then they sold their land. And the famine continued, then they became the slaves of Pharaoh. There is the great difference. My friend, do you have no more money? Maybe in your pockets. But I am asking, do you have no more spiritual money? That you cannot find in yourself anything to please a Holy, good doing God whom you love. Nothing. All that you have is sin. And you have nothing to pay. Are those store houses then closed? No, they stand wide open, wide open because it is by grace. When people came to Joseph without money, he yet required payment. They had to pay. They had to give something. So they became slaves. When poor, guilty bankrupt sinners come to Jesus Christ, what does He require as payment? What does He require? Zero. Nothing. Why? Because we have nothing. Or do you still have something? We have nothing. Because, everything that we have is polluted with sin. Is that you? And He is even offended if we come, trying to pay something. Because, Why? Because Jesus Christ has paid it all. God the Father gave His Son to pay it all. And when sinners come trying to pay something, that is offensive to Him, because He has provided it all in His dear Son. There is an abundance in Jesus Christ. The overflowing abundance of Joseph storehouses don't exist anymore. They are gone. They are closed. Nothing is left. But the storehouses of the grace in Jesus Christ today are still wide open, for the chiefest of sinners. And the Lord Jesus Christ, He still invites. He still invites. We will end with this text. Isaiah 55 verse 1 *"Ho everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."*

Amen