The Harvest is Here

Genesis 41:46-57
John 4: 27-34

1. Pruning Season
Sold into slavery.

2. Refining Season
Falsely Accused and Imprisoned.

3. Planting Season
Continues to be Faithfuland Serve in Prison.

4. Wilderness Season
Forgotten in Prison

5. Rooted Season
Recognized as being especially close and rooted to God.

Genesis 41:46-57

Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt. During the seven years of abundance the land produced plentifully.

Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities. In each city he put the food grown in the fields surrounding it. Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure.

The seven years of abundance in Egypt came to an end, and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in all the other lands, but in the whole land of Egypt there was food. When all Egypt began to feel the famine, the people cried to Pharaoh for food. Then Pharaoh told all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph and do what he tells you."

When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. And all the world came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe everywhere.

Manasseh =
“It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father’s household.”

Ephraim =
“It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering.”

A Biblical harvest season is a time of incredible fruitfulness, deep joy and reaping the rewards of past faithfulness, patience and hard work.

Characteristics of a Harvest Season

- Increased Fruitfulness

~See tangible results, breakthroughs and answered prayers~

- Often a time of Busy-ness and Productivity

- Deep Gratitude and Attitude of Celebration

- This is a time of sharing and nourishment.

1. Be Prepared for Hard Work

Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we don't give up.

2. Sometimes a Season of Harvest also Means Letting Go

Psalm 37:5

Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him and He will Help you.

3. Stay Humble

1 Corinthians 3:7

So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

Romans 11:36

For everything comes from Him and exists by His power and is intended for His glory. All glory to Him forever! Amen

4. Expect the Unexpected

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John 4: 27-34

Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”
But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”
Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”
“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

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