

# The Promotion

Part four of the series, "Made for Greatness"

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## **The promotion to the palace requires continual humility.**

*"The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. <sup>38</sup>So Pharaoh asked them, 'Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?' <sup>39</sup>Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. <sup>40</sup>You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.'" (Genesis 41:37-40 NIV)*

*"Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor." (Proverbs 29:23 NLT)*

*Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. (Matthew 23:12 ESV)*

## **The promotion to the palace creates a path for forgiveness and reconciliation. (Genesis 42:6-17 NIV)**

*"Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, 'Have everyone leave my presence!' So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. <sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph! Is my father still living?' But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. <sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come close to me.' When they had done so, he said, 'I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! <sup>5</sup>And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. <sup>6</sup>For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. <sup>7</sup>But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. <sup>8</sup>So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God..." (Genesis 45:1-8 NIV)*

*"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing." (1 Peter 3:9 NIV)*

## **The promotion to the palace provides a provision of blessing to be a blessing.**

*"Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Your father and your brothers have come to you, and the land of Egypt is before you; settle your father and your brothers in the best part of the land. Let them live in Goshen. And if you know of any among them with special ability, put them in charge of my own livestock.'" (Genesis 47:5-6 NIV)*

*"So Joseph settled his father and his brothers in Egypt and gave them property in the best part of the land, the district of Rameses, as Pharaoh directed. Joseph also provided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their children." (Genesis 47:11-12 NIV)*

*"I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others." (Genesis 12:2 NLT)*

*"'You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.' And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them." (Genesis 50:20-21 NIV)*

*"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when dreams come true... there is life and joy." (Proverbs 13:12 TLB)*