**How did I Get Here?**

**Genesis 41:37-44 New Living Translation (NLT)**

Joseph Made Ruler of Egypt

**37**Joseph’s suggestions were well received by Pharaoh and his officials. **38**So Pharaoh asked his officials, “Can we find anyone else like this man so obviously filled with the spirit of God?” **39**Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has revealed the meaning of the dreams to you, clearly no one else is as intelligent or wise as you are. **40**You will be in charge of my court, and all my people will take orders from you. Only I, sitting on my throne, will have a rank higher than yours.”

**41**Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I hereby put you in charge of the entire land of Egypt.”**42**Then Pharaoh removed his signet ring from his hand and placed it on Joseph’s finger. He dressed him in fine linen clothing and hung a gold chain around his neck. **43**Then he had Joseph ride in the chariot reserved for his second-in-command. And wherever Joseph went, the command was shouted, “Kneel down!” So Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of all Egypt. **44**And Pharaoh said to him, “I am Pharaoh, but no one will lift a hand or foot in the entire land of Egypt without your approval.”

# Deuteronomy 28:1 New Living Translation (NLT)

### Blessings for Obedience

**28**“If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the world.

**Introduction**

What does the journey towards greatness look like? What preparation is needed to endure the challenges that we will often go through to become all that God has purposed us to be? SHIFTING requires a willingness to be ready for all things that will come your way to stop you from obtaining the goal set before you. You must be intentional about your commitment and your responsibilities while SHIFTING. Your ability to focus and endure will be the Key that unlocks the door to the manifestation God has for your life.

Key Principles for shifting: How did I Get Here

We are all like Joseph in many ways, but the outcome for many will not be the same. Many want to experience what is looks like and feels like to be elevated. But, elevation comes with a high cost. You’ve got to be willing to take the test and pass the test.

* Joseph’s **dream** came as a revelation from God of what is promised and purposed for his life. The mistake that joseph made was the fact that he spoke to soon, causing him to have to deal with a jealous spirit within his family.
  + What do you do when the ones you love are jealous and envious of you?

Part of your journey towards greatness, is learning how to remain focus and still love those who conspired against you. Even if it’s from those that’s closets to you.

* We all will at some point experience **DARK** moments. When it seems like there is no way out and everything around you, has no resources.
  + What do you do when you are thrown into a **PIT** of issues and left by yourself?

Part of your journey towards greatness, is learning how to shift your mindset in a dark situation. Knowing that even if you’re by yourself, you’re still not alone. God is still with you. Even if all your resources are unavailable, God is still your resource. Even if it appears that help isn’t on the way, Gods timing is still perfect to rescue you.

* Even when you are still favored by God, you are still not exempt from experiencing **betrayal**.
  + What do you do when your betrayal causes you to be separated from what is normal and to what now has become uncommon.

Part of your journey towards greatness, is to know and learn that even a betrayal has its purpose. What the devil meant for evil, God meant if for your good. What they thought was going to happen to you, eventually will turn around became a blessing to you.

* Temptation surrounds us daily. When the option to choose self-satisfaction over pleasing God presents itself, we must be strong enough to stay true our commitment to Gods word and what he has established within our hearts.
  + What do you do when you are weak and temptation is standing at your door step?

Part of your journey towards greatness, is to learn how to avoid **SIN** and walk in Gods will by honoring his gift within you. To represent Gods kingdom as a representative by doing what is right.

* Our accuser (Satan) will often devise a **lie** that will causes us to suffer while being innocent and wrongfully accused. None of us are exempt from Satan’s attacks that are full of schemes tricks and lies.
  + What do you do when you’ve been lied on, resulting in you suffering the consequences of someone else’s personal issues against you.

Part of your journey towards greatness, is knowing that suffering will eventually reveal your faith and gives God the opportunity to work in you and through you. Although you may have been accused, God will still be your vindicator. A lie can’t stop the favor of God on your life.

* People will often praise your gift, ask of your gift, drain you of your gift only to benefit them and then leave you while yet having an attitude of ungratefulness.
  + What do you do when you’ve given out and poured out for others, hoping that they will remember you when they’ve been bless, only to **forget you.** The one who help them the most?

Part of your journey towards greatness, learn how to bless others as doing unto the lord. Knowing that your labor is not in vain. You will always have ungrateful people in this word that will not appreciate the gift and anointing on your life. Nevertheless, remain faithful even if they never say thank you for what you’ve sacrificed and done.

* God never forgets what he’s purposed in our lives and where he’s purposed us to be

# Jeremiah 29:11 New Living Translation (NLT)

**11**For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

# Genesis 45:5-8 New Living Translation (NLT)

**5**But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. **6**This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years, and there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. **7God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors**.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+45%3A5-8&version=NLT#fen-NLT-1366a)] **8So it was God who sent me here, not you!** And he is the one who made me an adviser[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+45%3A5-8&version=NLT#fen-NLT-1367b)] to Pharaoh—the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt.

**How did I Get Here? How did joseph get to this place of reign? 5 key principles**

* By SHIFTING your PERCECPTION from your emotions to the will of God
* You had to now know and believe that everything that has happen to you wasn’t the people doing it to you, but rather God allowing it to get you where he’s purposed you to be.
* You had to learn how to SHIFT through the changes and challenges that were thrown at you while still operating in your gift consistently. **“To whom much is given much is required”**
* You had to build up the strength to endure and not give in to enticing temptation. God can’t trust dirty hands, but he defiantly can trust a pure heart. Never touch nothing that doesn’t belong to you.
* Even when you reach your place of purpose, when your heart is right, you can still reach back and bless those who’s caused you pain, but was needed in your process towards greater.