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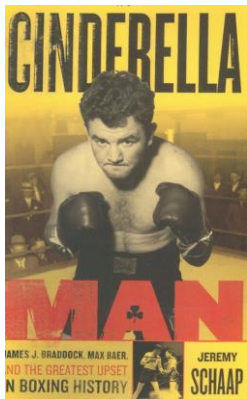
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**James Braddock**  
the greatest  
upset in boxing  
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### 1 Peter 1:6-7

<sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when

Jesus Christ is revealed.




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### The Life of Joseph

- Sold into slavery
- Unjustly accused
- Thrown into prison
- Forgotten by those he helped




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# Godly Character

## 1. During the test



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## Character Conviction #1

- There is a design even in my distress



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## James 1:2-3

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.



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### 1 Peter 4:12

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

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### 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

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### Godly Character

- 1. During the test
- 2. When you're rewarded

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### Genesis 41

When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile, <sup>2</sup>when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. <sup>3</sup>After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the riverbank.



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### Genesis 41

<sup>4</sup>And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up...



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### Genesis 41

<sup>8</sup>In the morning his mind was troubled, so he sent for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them for him.

<sup>9</sup>Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "Today I am reminded of my shortcomings.



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## Character Conviction #2

- Promote God, not yourself



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## Genesis 41:16

Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer."



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## Genesis 41:33

Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt.



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### Genesis 41

<sup>39</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. <sup>40</sup> You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you."



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### Genesis 41

<sup>41</sup> And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." <sup>42</sup> Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck.



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### Genesis 41

<sup>43</sup> And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, "Bow the knee!" Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. <sup>44</sup> Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."



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## Godly Character

1. During the test
2. When you're rewarded
3. At the crossroads

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### When people let you down...

Turn it over to God without vengeance.

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### When nothing seems to change...

Don't panic!  
Trust that God has a purpose.

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**When the reward comes...**

Thank God without pride.



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