

W E E K T W O

THAT

Trust His Appointed Timing

What God Does in the Waiting

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THAT stands for one phrase.

Trust His Appointed Timing.

Last week we learned the vision has an appointed time.

Tonight we ask: What is God doing during the wait?



T o n i g h t ' s P r e m i s e

The Waiting Room Is Not the Lobby.

The Waiting Room Is the Classroom.



While you thought you were killing time, God was using time to build you.

S e t t i n g t h e S t a g e

Joseph's World

Approximately 1900 B.C.

Four thousand years ago. Four hundred years before Moses. A thousand years before David.

This is deep, ancient history.

Egypt Was the Superpower of the World

Wealth

Nile-fed grain surplus made
Egypt the granary of the
ancient world

Power

Advanced administration,
professional army, court
system, libraries

Sophistication

The pyramids were already
ancient in Joseph's time

Think Rome in the first century. Britain in the nineteenth. America in the twentieth.

Potiphar Was Not Just a Rich Guy



“An officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard.”

Genesis 39:1 (KJV)

Hebrew: “chief of the executioners.”

Head of Pharaoh’s personal security. Officer in charge of royal executions.
Direct access to the throne.

God placed Joseph in the household of the man closest to Pharaoh.

Joseph's Wait

Thirteen-Year Curriculum



Between the vision and the fulfillment,
God ran Joseph through four schools.

The Four Schools

01 POTIPHAR'S HOUSE

Administration



02 THE TEMPTATION

Integrity



03 THE PRISON

Leadership in Adversity



04 BUTLER & BAKER

Interpretation



Which school are you in right now?



S c h o o l O n e

01

Potiphar's House



The School of Administration



Genesis 39:2-4 (KJV)

*“And the **Lord was with Joseph**, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord **made all that he did to prosper in his hand**. And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he **made him overseer over his house**, and all that he had he put into his hand.”*

God gave Joseph an executive education inside somebody else's mansion.



M o d e r n A p p l i c a t i o n

You Are Not Stuck.

You Are in School.



Every skill you pick up in somebody else's system
is a skill God will use when you step into your own.

*Be faithful in the house you did not build so God can trust you with the house He wants to give
you.*



S c h o o l T w o

02

The Temptation



The School of Integrity



Genesis 39:9

Joseph Named Three Walls

1

Honor

*Potiphar trusts me. I will not
betray a man who trusted me.*

2

Relationship

*This is his wife. Marriage is a
covenant.*

3

God

This would be sin against God.

If you only have one reason not to sin, you will eventually break.

God Does Not Forget Integrity

Character is what you invest in when nobody is watching.

Character is what pays out when everybody is watching.



S c h o o l T h r e e

03

The Prison



The School of Leadership in Adversity



G e n e s i s 3 9 : 2 1

*“But the **Lord was with Joseph**, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.”*

*Even in the dungeon.
Even after the false accusation.
The Lord was with him.*

Your Prison Is a Laboratory

- ✓ How to lead through hostile environments
- ✓ How to influence without formal authority
- ✓ How to keep integrity when compromise looks safer
- ✓ How to organize when the resources are limited

God trains you in prisons so that palaces feel manageable.



S c h o o l F o u r

04

Butler & Baker



The School of Interpretation



Dream Interpretation Was a State Office



Not folk magic. A high-status intellectual discipline.

Pharaohs employed official court dream interpreters called “the wise men” and “the magicians.”

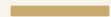
When Joseph interpreted dreams,
he was operating in the same skill category as Pharaoh’s court seers,
with a source they did not have.

God was sharpening the exact gift He was going to use to bring Joseph before Pharaoh.

*“Yet did not the chief butler **remember Joseph**, but
forgat him.”*

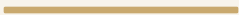
You helped them. They forgot you.
You mentored them. They forgot you.
You put them on. They walked right past you.

Two full years later... (Genesis 41:1)



T h e P a y o f f

The Butler Will Remember *When God Needs Him To.*



God did not need the butler to remember Joseph on the butler's timeline.

God waited until He needed the butler to remember Joseph
on God's timeline.

Whoever forgot you did not cancel God's appointed time for you.

Romans 5:3-4 — The Divine Sequence



The same sequence Joseph walked through in Genesis 37 to 41.

The pit → Potiphar's → the prison → Pharaoh.

The waiting is the curriculum. The waiting produces the hope.

God Is a Chef



Not all things are good.

But God can take bitter ingredients
and combine them into a meal that is beautiful.

What was meant for evil, God is working together for good.

Which School Are You In?

01 Potiphar's House

Am I being asked to be excellent in a position that is not my final one?

02 The Temptation

Am I being tested on my character while nobody watches?

03 The Prison

Is God teaching me to keep leading in a place I would not choose to be?

04 Butler & Baker

Am I using my gift where I am, or waiting for a bigger platform?

The waiting is not wasted. God is working in you what only the waiting can produce.

This Week's Assignment

01 Name Your School

Write down which of the four schools you believe God has you in right now.

02 Find One Joseph Moment

Choose one situation this week to respond like Joseph in Potiphar's house rather than like Joseph's brothers.

03 Journal a Romans 8:28 Testimony

Write one story from your past where a setback turned into a setup. Bring it back next week.