

1. Read Genesis 40:1-8.
 - a. Why do you think Scripture emphasizes that these events happened “some time later”? What does that phrase reveal about Joseph’s situation and the pace of God’s plan?
 - b. Have you ever gone through a long season that felt delayed or unclear, but later realized God was orchestrating things behind the scenes and setting up divine appointments?
 - c. Even while in prison himself, Joseph notices the cupbearer and baker are dejected. Why is it often difficult to notice or care about others’ struggles when you are hurting yourself?
2. Read Genesis 40:9-19.
 - a. What does Joseph’s request for the cupbearer to remember him reveal about his humanity in this moment? Like Joseph, when have you felt tired, overlooked, or worn down by waiting on God?
 - b. Joseph stayed faithful even though he saw no guarantee of results. What does this reveal about the nature of obedience? Where might God be asking you to remain faithful in a place that currently feels pointless or unchanging?
 - c. How might God be forming perseverance in you through slow seasons rather than through immediate breakthroughs (James 1:2-4)?
3. Read Genesis 40:20-23.
 - a. How would you have felt if you were Joseph in this moment? How do you typically respond when you feel overlooked or forgotten by people?
 - b. Why must we remember that God’s delays are not always God’s denials? How might your perspective change if you trusted that God is more committed to your future destiny than your present comfort?
 - c. In what ways does Joseph’s story of being faithful yet forgotten point us to Jesus? How does the resurrection remind us that God often does his greatest work in seasons that look silent, hopeless, or dead?

Next Week: Genesis 41:1-57

Reading Plan: Acts 20-24



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