

Be Patient

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*“Patience is TRUSTING God
when you’re TEMPTED.”*

Be Patient.

Genesis 39:1-3

¹ When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. ² *The Lord was with Joseph*, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. ³ Potiphar noticed this and realized that the Lord was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did.

God is waiting with you.

Genesis 39:4-6

⁴ This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned. ⁵ From the day Joseph was put in charge of his master’s household and property, *the Lord began to bless Potiphar’s household for Joseph’s sake*. All his household affairs ran smoothly, and his crops and livestock flourished. ⁶ So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn’t worry about a thing - except what kind of food to eat!

*Every place is a God place
when God places you there.*

1. Patience is trusting God when you're tempted to SIN.

Genesis 39:6-9

⁶ Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man, ⁷ and Potiphar's wife soon began to look at him lustfully. "Come and sleep with me," she demanded. ⁸ But Joseph refused. "Look," he told her, "my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. ⁹ No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? *It would be a great sin against God.*"

Temptation is an invitation to believe a lie.

Q: What lie are you tempted to believe?

Genesis 39:10-12

¹⁰ She kept putting pressure on Joseph day after day, but he refused to sleep with her, and *he kept out of her way as much as possible*. ¹¹ One day, however, no one else was around when he went in to do his work. ¹² She came and grabbed him by his cloak, demanding, "Come on, sleep with me!" Joseph tore himself away, but *he left his cloak in her hand as he ran from the house*.

Sometimes you gotta run away.

Genesis 39:19-20

¹⁹ Potiphar was furious when he heard his wife's story about how Joseph had treated her. ²⁰ So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he *remained*.

2. Patience is trusting God when you're tempted to SETTLE.

Genesis 39:21-23

²¹ *But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden.* ²² *Before long, the warden put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners and over everything that happened in the prison.* ²³ *The warden had no more worries, because Joseph took care of everything. The Lord was with him and caused everything he did to succeed.*

Your biggest temptation may be to settle for a good dream instead of a God dream.

Q: Where have you settled?

Genesis 40:1-8

¹ *Some time later, Pharaoh's chief cup-bearer and chief baker offended their royal master.* ² *Pharaoh became angry with these two officials,* ³ *and he put them in the prison where Joseph was, in the palace of the captain of the guard (Potiphar).* ⁴ *They remained in prison for quite some time, and the captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph who looked after them.* ⁵ *While they were in prison, Pharaoh's cup-bearer and baker each had a dream one night, and each dream had its own meaning.* ⁶ *When Joseph saw them the next morning, he noticed that they both looked upset.* ⁷ *"Why do you look so worried today?" He asked them.* ⁸ *And they replied, "We both had dreams last night, but no one can tell us what they mean." "Interpreting dreams is God's business," Joseph replied. "Go ahead and tell me your dreams."*

Blessing is from God and for others.

The 2 Dreams.

- Cup-bearer dreamed of 3 blossoming vines.
(You'll be restored to your position in 3 days)
- Baker dreamed 3 baskets of bread eaten by the birds.
(You'll be executed in 3 days)

Genesis 40:14-15

¹⁴ Joseph said to the cup-bearer, "Please remember me and do me a favor when things go well for you. Mention me to Pharaoh, so he might let me out of this place. ¹⁵ For I was kidnapped from my homeland, the land of the Hebrews, and now I'm here in prison, but I did nothing to deserve it."

3. Patience is trusting God when you're tempted to QUIT.

Genesis 40:20-23

²⁰ Pharaoh's birthday came three days later, and he prepared a banquet for all his officials and staff. He summoned his chief cup-bearer and chief baker to join the other officials. ²¹ He then restored the chief cup-bearer to his former position, so he could again hand Pharaoh his cup. ²² But Pharaoh impaled the chief baker, just as Joseph had predicted when he interpreted his dream. ²³ Pharaoh's chief cup-bearer, however, *forgot all about Joseph*, never giving him another thought.

God will never forget you.

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Q: Where are you tempted to sin, settle, or quit?

Q: What is God teaching you while you wait?

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Isaiah 40:31

Those who wait upon the Lord will find new strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.