

# SESSION 7





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The year 2021 brought a great deal of suffering Jake's way. It began with an unforeseen separation and divorce, and then the sudden loss of his father. In sadness and sorrow, he never found himself angry, but instead began to develop ways to deal with his emotions. The recurring phrase he kept in mind was "I give this all to you, God." Jake says, "To one going through something hard, I'd say to concentrate on God more than the circumstance. He is greater than what we're going through." He's still in the process of working through these challenges to be sure, but carries a perspective that keeps him close to the One who comforts him.

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(QUESTIONS WRITTEN BY JOSH KLEIN)

## READ GENESIS 40:1-23

Genesis 40 finds Joseph in prison. And while he's entrusted with responsibility, this doesn't change the fact that he's in prison. And he's there for a while — years, in fact (see 40:1; 41:1). Yet Joseph doesn't give up or give in. He stands out with excellence and earns a position of responsibility. He shows care for prisoners who are sad (see 40:4, 7) and ministers to them. After all this, Joseph is still forgotten in prison by someone he helped (40:23). Joseph is suffering and feels forgotten. Even in this hard situation, he has lived faithfully.

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Why was Joseph in prison at the beginning of chapter 40?

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2. How does Joseph treat his fellow prisoners? List some examples from the passage.

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**3.** How does Joseph exhibit faith in God in this chapter? How many times is God mentioned and in what context?

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**4.** What role does Joseph have in prison and how does he operate within that role?

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**5.** Take special notice of Joseph's words in the passage. What does he say and how does he say it?

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## MESSAGE NOTES

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Genesis 40:3-4. What does this passage tell us about how Joseph operated in the midst of imprisonment?
2. How does Joseph show faithfulness in this chapter?
3. Put yourself in Joseph's shoes (i.e., that he is wrongfully imprisoned). How do you think that would impact your faith and attitude? How did it impact Joseph's?
4. What seemed to be Joseph's reward for his faith in Genesis 40:23? It takes 2 years for Joseph to be remembered. How do we seem to handle delayed affirmatives to our prayers? How should we respond?