

**I. SERVICE – God Has Given Us Gifts to Serve Others** - Genesis 40:1-4

Then it came about after these things, the cupbearer and the baker for the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> Pharaoh was furious with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker. <sup>3</sup> So he put them in confinement in the house of the captain of the bodyguard, in the jail, the *same* place where Joseph was imprisoned. <sup>4</sup> The captain of the bodyguard put Joseph in charge of them, and he took care of them; and they were in confinement for some time.

**II. COMPASSION – Show Compassion To Others, Even When You Need It** - Genesis 40:5-7

<sup>5</sup> Then the cupbearer and the baker for the king of Egypt, who were confined in jail, both had a dream the same night, each man with his *own* dream *and* each dream with its *own* interpretation. <sup>6</sup> When Joseph came to them in the morning and observed them, behold, they were dejected. <sup>7</sup> He asked Pharaoh's officials who were with him in confinement in his master's house, "Why are your faces so sad today?"

**III. FAITH – Joseph Acknowledged God Would Help** – Genesis 40:8

<sup>8</sup> Then they said to him, "We have had a dream and there is no one to interpret it." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell *it* to me, please."

**IV. HOPE – Give Others Hope in Eternal Life** – Genesis 40:9-13

<sup>9</sup> So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "In my dream, behold, *there was* a vine in front of me; <sup>10</sup> and on the vine *were* three branches. And as it was budding, its blossoms came out, *and* its clusters produced ripe grapes. <sup>11</sup> Now Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; so I took the grapes and squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I put the cup into Pharaoh's hand." <sup>12</sup> Then Joseph said to him, "This is the interpretation of it: the three branches are three days; <sup>13</sup> within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office; and you will put Pharaoh's cup into his hand according to your former custom when you were his cupbearer.

**V. PRAYER – Petition God in All Things** – Genesis 40:14-15

Only keep me in mind when it goes well with you, and please do me a kindness by mentioning me to Pharaoh and get me out of this house. <sup>15</sup> For I was in fact kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing that they should have put me into the dungeon."

**VI. SALT & LIGHT – Seize the Opportunity to Lead Sinners to Repentance** – Genesis 40:16-19

<sup>16</sup> When the chief baker saw that he had interpreted favorably, he said to Joseph, "I also *saw* in my dream, and behold, *there were* three baskets of white bread on my head; <sup>17</sup> and in the top basket *there were* some of all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, and the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head." <sup>18</sup> Then Joseph answered and said, "This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days; <sup>19</sup> within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head from you and will hang you on a tree, and the birds will eat your flesh off you."

**V. TRUST GOD – Trust in Him and Him Alone.** - Genesis 40:20-23

<sup>20</sup> Thus it came about on the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. <sup>21</sup> He restored the chief cupbearer to his office, and he put the cup into Pharaoh's hand; <sup>22</sup> but he hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had interpreted to them. <sup>23</sup> Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.