



## IF I HAD ONLY KNOWN!

### Introduction:

One of the most powerful lessons that I can learn is that where I am, does not determine who I am and who I am called to be. A second lesson is that where I am, is God's proving ground to prepare me for my next assignment. The people that God used the greatest, were often forged in the most difficult and unpleasant of circumstances. God uses prisons to position us for His purpose.

### Scriptures:

- **Genesis 39:19-23-NLT**
- **Genesis 40:1-8**
- **Genesis 50:16-20**

### Discussion Questions:

1. What are two things in your life that you now look back and say, "If I had only known!"?
2. What metaphorical prisons is God currently using to position you in His purpose?
3. What leadership lessons have you learned from the life of Joseph?
4. Joseph had the gift of leadership and administration. What are your top two gifts?
5. How are you using your gift(s) so that CCC can impact neighbors and nations?

### Moving Forward: Three Powerful Declarations

1. **I WILL NOT ALLOW MY PRISON TO ABORT MY PURPOSE!**
2. **I WILL WALK IN DIVINE FAVOR WITH GOD AND MEN!**
3. **I WILL TRANSCEND MY EMOTIONS BY SERVING WITH A KINGDOM MINDSET!**

### Changing Your Mind:

But Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? <sup>20</sup>You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to **this position** so I could save the lives of many people (**GENESIS 50:16-20-NLT**).