

## Part 4 – Joseph In Prison

### Life of Joseph Series: From the Pit to the Palace

**Text:** Genesis 39:20–23; Genesis 40:1–23

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#### Key Truth

*Faithfulness to God does not remove hardship, but it guarantees His presence.*

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### I. The Providence of Joseph's Prison

#### Genesis 39:20

Joseph was placed exactly where God intended.

- Not a common prison
- **Pharaoh's prison** — “where the king's prisoners were bound”
- God was positioning Joseph for what was coming next

#### Notes:

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### II. The Presence of God in the Prison

#### Genesis 39:21–23

“The LORD was with Joseph.”

Because of God's presence:

- The LORD **showed him mercy**
- The LORD **gave him favor** with the prison keeper
- Joseph was placed over the prisoners
- **Whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper**

Joseph served faithfully even in suffering.

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### **III. Pharaoh's Wrath**

#### **Genesis 40:1–4**

Two of Pharaoh's servants offended the king:

- The **Chief Butler**
- The **Chief Baker**

Both were placed in the king's prison **under Joseph's care**.

God was arranging the next step in Joseph's journey.

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### **IV. The Butler, The Baker, and the Dream Taker**

#### **Genesis 40:5–19**

Joseph noticed their troubled countenance and said:

“Do not interpretations belong to God?”

#### **The Butler's Dream**

- Vine with **3 branches**
- Grapes pressed into Pharaoh's cup
- **Interpretation:** Restored in **3 days**

#### **The Baker's Dream**

- **3 baskets** of baked goods
- Birds ate the food

- **Interpretation:** Executed in **3 days**

**Notes:**

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## **V. The Forgotten Servant**

### **Genesis 40:20–23**

Both dreams came to pass exactly as Joseph said.

- Butler **restored**
- Baker **executed**

Yet:

“Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.”

Joseph was forgotten by man, **but not by God.**

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## **Closing Thought**

People may forget you.

Circumstances may delay you.

But **God never loses track of His servants.**