

# Joseph

## *Pt. 5 – Trusting in the Silence*

*Gen. 40:23 The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.  
41:1 When two full years had passed...*

### **In times of waiting, remember:**

Waiting does not mean I am out of the will of God.

While I am waiting, God is working.

### **When the waiting is over:**

God receives the credit.

*<sup>15</sup>Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it." <sup>16</sup>"I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires." <sup>29</sup>Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, <sup>30</sup>but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land. <sup>31</sup>The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so severe. <sup>32</sup>The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon. <sup>33</sup>"And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt. <sup>37</sup>The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. <sup>38</sup>So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?"*

Others see God in me.

*<sup>39</sup>...Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you.*

God's promise is fulfilled.

*<sup>40</sup>You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you." <sup>41</sup>So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." <sup>42</sup>Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. <sup>43</sup>He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and men shouted before him, "Make way!" Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt. <sup>44</sup>Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, but without your word no one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt."*

God uses me.

*Gal. 6:9* **Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.**

In times of waiting, trust God's timing!