

## Joseph – Holding Patterns

**40** Some time later, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their master, the king of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> Pharaoh was angry with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, <sup>3</sup> and put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the same prison where Joseph was confined. <sup>4</sup> The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he attended them.

**God places people in our lives for a reason.**

Who has God placed **in your life** in **this season** of your life?

After they had been in custody for some time, <sup>5</sup> each of the two men—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were being held in prison—had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own.

<sup>6</sup> When Joseph came to them the next morning, he saw that they were dejected. <sup>7</sup> So he asked Pharaoh’s officials who were in custody with him in his master’s house, “Why do you look so sad today?”

**Joseph was concerned for the needs of others.**

<sup>8</sup> “We both had dreams,” they answered, “but there is no one to interpret them.”

Then Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams.”

**God uses every part of our lives to bring us into His will.**

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.

<sup>14</sup> But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. <sup>15</sup> I was

forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon.”

<sup>23</sup> The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

1. **Look around you.**
2. **Offer what you have.**
3. **Keep trusting God.**