



# GOD INTENDED IT FOR GOOD.

A summer series through the life of Joseph

## Week #3: Faithful In The Waiting

**Series Big Idea:** God was in both the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Joseph's life.

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

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*When Joseph came to them the next morning, he saw that they were dejected. So he asked Pharaoh's officials who were in custody with him in his master's house, "Why do you look so sad today?"*

Genesis 40:1-7 (NIV)

### 3 Actions and Prayers in the Waiting:

- **Action:** Move from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Prayer:** God, show me \_\_\_\_\_ as I wait.

*They said to him, "We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them." And Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God?"*

Genesis 40:8 (ESV)

- **Action:** Move from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Prayer:** God, remind me of your \_\_\_\_\_ and help me \_\_\_\_\_ on you.

*When all goes well with you, remember me...*

Genesis 40:14 (NIV)

- **Action:** Move from trying to \_\_\_\_\_ to allowing God to \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Prayer:** God, \_\_\_\_\_ and help me \_\_\_\_\_ you as I wait.

*After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed...*

Genesis 41:1 (ESV)

**Final Thought:** Forgotten by \_\_\_\_\_ does not mean forgotten by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Discussion questions:**

1. What do you think makes waiting so hard?
2. Describe a season of waiting you had to endure. What was hard about that season? What good came from that season?
3. In what ways do you feel like you're currently in a season of waiting?
4. What's one takeaway from Joseph's story you can hold onto when waiting is challenging?

**Recommended resources:**

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#### 3 Actions and Prayers in the Waiting:

- **Action:** Move from self-focused to servant-focused.
- **Prayer:** God, show me who I can serve as I wait.

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Genesis 40:8 (ESV)

- **Action:** Move from self-reliant to God-reliant.
- **Prayer:** God, remind me of your nearness and help me rely on you.

*When all goes well with you, remember me...*

Genesis 40:14 (NIV)

- **Action:** Move from trying to change your circumstances to allowing God to build your character.

- **Prayer:** God, build my character and help me trust you as I wait.

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