

Joseph in Prison The Life of Joseph

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Key Truth:

A key to faithfulness in suffering is to entrust ourselves to God's perfect care.

Joseph was proactive in his duties in prison, both in detecting the troubled hearts of Pharaoh's two court officials, and in giving them a true and accurate interpretation for their dreams. He could have closed down and refused to help, riding out the storm in as peaceful and as comfortable a way possible. But instead he engages, even to the point of appealing to the chief cupbearer to remember him. All these things show that Joseph has entrusted himself to God's perfect care.

DISCUSS

Read **Genesis 40:1-23** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on Joseph in Prison.

DIG IN

1. Joseph is Faithful (Genesis 40:1-13, 16-19)

Describe what is going on in Genesis 40:4-8.

In what ways is Joseph faithful to God's Will in this context?

In verses 9-13 and 16-19, Joseph faithfully interprets the cupbearer's "good" dream and the baker's "bad" dream. In what ways is Joseph faithful to God's Word by interpreting these dreams accurately?

In what ways does the gospel of Jesus Christ contain "bad news?" Why is it important to express this to the world?

2. Joseph is Forgotten (Genesis 40:14-15, 20-23)

In verses 14-15, Joseph asks the cupbearer to remember him before Pharaoh and points out the injustice he had experienced. Do you think this is consistent with his trust in God's perfect care? Why or why not?

In verse 23, we see that Joseph is forgotten by the cupbearer. In what ways does this remind you of what Jesus Christ experienced?

Read 1 Peter 4:19: Under what circumstances is it appropriate to defend ourselves against injustice while entrusting ourselves to God's perfect care?

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Take this time to share with the group practical ways you can remain faithful in the midst of injustice and suffering.