



South Sub Church

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## “When You Feel Forgotten”

### Genesis 40 [verses 1-4 (NIV) listed]

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.

### Sermon Summary:

Life doesn't always make sense in the moment. Betrayal, disappointment, temptation, loss, and waiting can leave us wondering where God is in the middle of it all. Yet the story of Joseph reminds us that even when all seems lost, God is still working behind the scenes - preparing us for purpose and revealing His greater plan. Join us as we walk through one of the most powerful stories in Scripture and discover how God can use every season of life to shape something bigger than we can see.

### Fun, non-threatening Ice Breaker questions:

1. Have you ever had a dream that you remembered vividly? What made it memorable?
2. If you could instantly understand the meaning of one mystery in your life, what would it be?
3. Tell about a time when you felt forgotten or overlooked.
4. Have you ever received unexpected good news? How did you react?
5. What helps you stay hopeful when you're waiting for something important to happen?

### Objective Bible study questions (observation):

1. Who were the two officials imprisoned with Joseph?
2. Why were the chief cupbearer and chief baker put in prison?
3. Who was responsible for caring for the prisoners?
4. How long had the cupbearer and baker been in prison before they had their dreams?

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5. What did Joseph notice about the two men one morning?
6. What did Joseph say about the source of dream interpretations?
7. What details did the chief cupbearer's dream include?
8. What interpretation did Joseph give for the cupbearer's dream?
9. What details did the chief baker's dream include?
10. What happened to both men on Pharaoh's birthday, according to Joseph's interpretations?

#### **Interpretive Questions (meaning):**

1. Why do you think Joseph gave God credit for the ability to interpret dreams rather than taking credit himself?
2. What does Joseph's concern for the cupbearer and baker reveal about his character despite being in prison?
3. Why might God have orchestrated these events while Joseph was still imprisoned?
4. What significance is there in the cupbearer forgetting Joseph after being restored to his position?
5. How does this chapter contribute to the larger story of God's plan for Joseph's life?

#### **Application questions (life response):**

1. How can you point others to God when you are given opportunities to help or influence them?
2. When have you experienced being forgotten or overlooked, and how did you respond?
3. What can Joseph's example teach us about serving faithfully in difficult circumstances?
4. How do you maintain hope when God's timing seems slower than you would like?
5. Is there someone in your life who needs encouragement or compassion, even while you are facing your own challenges?