

Forgotten?

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Genesis 40

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a. V1-4: Imprisoned after being falsely accused

Application: is God working in your circumstances and 'prison' of life right now?
1 Cor 10:13; Eph 1:11; 2 Cor 1:3-7; WSC Q11

b. V5-8: God burdens his charges with dreams

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II. Called to be God's Spokesman 9-19

a. V9-15: The Bearer of Good News

Joseph used his God-given ability in his garbage situation to bless and minister to the cupbearer. How does God call you to serve others?

b. V16-19: The Bearer of Bad News

Joseph declared God's Good & BAD news for the glory of God!
How is God calling you to declare the Good & Bad news of the Gospel?
The gospel is good news, but it is only good news if you understand the bad news of eternal condemnation and separation.

III. Forgotten 20-23; 4:1 (Psa 105:19)

Not despair but Lessons:

a. Don't trust in fallible men (or circumstances)

- All men (even those who 'love' us) will disappoint (Rm 3:23)
- Scriptures teach: Psalm 146:3; Isa 2:22
- App: what fruits are being produced on your tree? (Gal 5:22)

b. Allow your disappointments with men to drive you to God's love and faithfulness

- You can't control many of the things that happen to you, but you can control your attitude in response to the things which happen to you.
- Study & contrast: 2 Cor 1:8; Phil 4:4-8
- Study & know well: 2 Tim 2:13; Prv 3:5-6; Ps 146:3,5-6; Jer 7:5,7; Ps 118:8; Ps 56:3; Ps 115:11
- Get to know the God who is, not the God Satan would present to you!

c. Be willing to wait for God

- God does not work on our timetable, but His!
- Focus on God's glory because God will not share His glory

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