

# Be Present in God's Process

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## Genesis 40 & 41

### Trust God's **TIMING**—His plans and purposes are right around the corner.

"Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, <sup>3</sup>and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. <sup>4</sup>The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody. <sup>5</sup>And one night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each his own dream, and each dream with its own interpretation. <sup>6</sup>When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. <sup>7</sup>So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, 'Why are your faces downcast today?' <sup>8</sup>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? Please tell them to me.'" (Genesis 40:1-8 ESV)

"Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit." (Genesis 40:14-15 ESV)

### Be ready to **STEP UP**—God has prepared divine moments for us.

"Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, 'I remember my offenses today. <sup>10</sup>When Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put me and the chief baker in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, <sup>11</sup>we dreamed on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own interpretation. <sup>12</sup>A young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. When we told him, he interpreted our dreams to us, giving an interpretation to each man according to his dream. <sup>13</sup>And as he interpreted to us, so it came about. I was restored to my office, and the baker was hanged.' <sup>14</sup>Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. <sup>15</sup>And Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.' <sup>16</sup>Joseph answered Pharaoh, 'It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.'" (Genesis 41:9-16 ESV)

### Expect the **MIRACULOUS**—God wants to reveal His glory through our obedience.

"Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, 'The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. <sup>26</sup>The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. <sup>27</sup>The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind are also seven years of famine. <sup>28</sup>It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. <sup>29</sup>There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt, <sup>30</sup>but after them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will consume the land, <sup>31</sup>and the plenty will be unknown in the land by reason of the famine that will follow, for it will be very severe. <sup>32</sup>And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about. <sup>33</sup>Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. <sup>34</sup>Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plentiful years. <sup>35</sup>And let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. <sup>36</sup>That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine.'" (Genesis 41:25-36 ESV)

### **REMEMBER** how God's been faithful—things may change, but He never does.

"This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. <sup>38</sup>And Pharaoh said to his servants, 'Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?' <sup>39</sup>Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. <sup>40</sup>You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command, only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.' <sup>41</sup>And Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.' <sup>42</sup>Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. <sup>43</sup>And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, 'Bow the knee!' Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. <sup>44</sup>Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.' <sup>45</sup>And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt. <sup>46</sup>Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt. <sup>47</sup>During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly, <sup>48</sup>and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it. <sup>49</sup>And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.'" (Genesis 41:37-49 ESV)

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:1-2 NIV)