**GENESIS: Exploring The Foundations Of Our Faith – Gen 40**

**When Going Through A “Setback”…**

**6/16/24**

**#1) …Be Faithful Wherever God Plants You.**

*Some time later, the* ***cupbearer****and the* ***baker****of the king of Egypt* ***offended*** *their master, the king of Egypt.****2Pharaoh was angry****with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker,****3****and put them in custody in the house of the* ***captain of the guard****, in the same prison where Joseph was confined.* Genesis 40:1-3

***4****The captain of the guard****assigned them to Joseph****, and he attended them. After they had been in custody for some time,****5****each of the two men—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were being held in prison—had a* ***dream****the same night, and* ***each dream had a meaning of its own****.* Genesis 40:4-5

**#2) …Look To Where God-Is-At-Work In Others.**

***6****When Joseph came to them the next morning, he saw that they were dejected.****7****So he asked Pharaoh’s officials who were in custody with him in his master’s house, “****Why do you look so sad today?”******8****“We both had dreams,” they answered, “but there is no one to interpret them.” Then Joseph said to them, “****Do not interpretations belong to God?****Tell me your dreams.”* Genesis 40:6-8

**#3) …Serve Others When Opportunities Come.**

***9****So the* ***chief cupbearer told Joseph his dream.*** *He said to him, “In my dream I saw a vine in front of me,****10****and on the vine were three branches. As soon as it budded, it blossomed, and its clusters ripened into grapes.****11****Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes, squeezed them into Pharaoh’s cup and put the cup in his hand.”* Genesis 40:9-11

***12****“This is what it means,” Joseph said to him. “The three branches are three days.****13****Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and* ***restore you to your position****, and you will put Pharaoh’s cup in his hand, just as you used to do when you were his cupbearer.* Genesis 40:12-13

***14But when all goes well with you, remember me****and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison.****15****I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon.”* Genesis 40:14-15

***16****When the chief baker saw that Joseph had given a* ***favorable interpretation****, he said to Joseph, “I too had a dream: On my head were three baskets of bread.****17****In the top basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head.”* ***18****“This is what it means,” Joseph said. “The three baskets are 3 days.* ***19****Within three days****Pharaoh will lift off your head****and impale your body on a pole. And the birds will eat away your flesh.”*

Genesis 40:16-19

***20****Now the third day was Pharaoh’s birthday, and he gave a feast for all his officials. He lifted up the heads of the chief cupbearer and the chief baker in the presence of his officials:****21****He restored the chief cupbearer*

*to his position, so that he once again put the cup into Pharaoh’s hand—****22****but he impaled the chief baker,****just as Joseph had said to them in his interpretation****.* Genesis 40:20-22

**#4) Continue To WAIT On The Lord.**

***23****The chief cupbearer, however,* ***did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.*** *1* ***When two full years had passed,*** *Pharaoh had a dream:*

Genesis 40:23-41:1

**Waiting On God Is Not passive!**

**To Wait On God Is = Exercise Patient Confidence, Trusting in the Lord**

[Psalm 27:14; Psalm 40:1-4; Micah 7:7; Psalm 130:5;]

***1…Pharaoh had a dream****: He was standing by the Nile,****2****when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds….****5He fell asleep again and had a second dream:*** ***8****In the morning his mind was troubled, so he sent for all the* ***magicians and***

***wise men*** *of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams,* ***but no one could interpret them for him****.* Genesis 41:1-2, 5, 8