

GOD IN THIS MOMENT

Part 3

Waiting in the Dark

Genesis 40

Two **OFFENDING** officials vs. 1-4

Pharaoh's Chief **CUPBEARER** and Chief **BAKER** offend

They are placed under Joseph's **CARE**

Two **DISTURBING** dreams vs. 5-8

Both dreams occur on the **SAME NIGHT**

Two **INDEPENDENT** but deeply **PERSONAL** dreams

Two **CLEAR** interpretations vs. 9-19

The cupbearer will be **RESTORED** vs. 9-13

Joseph requests a **KINDNESS** vs. 14-15

The baker will be **EXECUTED** vs. 16-19

Two **EXACT** fulfillments vs. 20-23

The cupbearer is **REINSTATED**

The baker is **HANGED**

Joseph is **FORGOTTEN**

Take-a-ways:

God's plan runs on His clock, not ours because He is working on both the **MACRO** and **MICRO** levels

Waiting is one of God's primary **TESTS**

Psalms 105:16-24

Life Application Questions – April 26, 2026

Psalm 105:19 *'Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the Lord **tested** him.'*

DISCOVER

1. Can you recall an experience where the Lord had you wait for His answer to your prayer or for a resolution of your circumstance? Can you describe how long the wait was and how it felt to just wait on Him?
2. Looking back on that circumstance can you now see God's providence at work?
3. How did you handle that time of waiting? Did you get frustrated or want to give up? How did God comfort you or reassure you during that waiting?
4. How did that circumstance work out or get resolved?

EXPLORE (Read Genesis 40)

1. Why is remembering that God is working in the big picture of life, in this case to get Joseph's family clan down into Egypt, so helpful in this story?
2. How do you think Joseph was feeling during this period of waiting? See verses 14-15.
3. Read Psalm 105:16-24. Joseph's story is recounted. Look specifically at verse 19. This verse talks specifically about the time in Joseph's life from when God first gave him the two dreams (Gen. 37:5, 9) to the time those dreams came into fruition. **Thirteen years** goes by in between the dreams and their fulfillment. The Psalmist says that this period of waiting was God's **testing** of Joseph. God seem to use waiting as a test of our faith. In fact, this is God's most frequently used test. Can you think of other Bible characters who experienced waiting as a test from God?

EXPERIENCE

1. Sometimes God fulfills His plans in three days, like with the cupbearer and the baker. Sometimes God takes thirteen years to fulfill His plans, like with Joseph. What has been your experience with God? Have you been waiting a while for an answer to a prayer or a solution to a struggle?
2. How would you counsel a friend who is being tested through waiting? What words of encouragement would you share with them?
3. List 3-4 ways we can press into God during times of waiting so you can grow stronger and be better prepared to accomplish His plan for your life?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, we thank you for working in our world and in our personal lives. Thank you that you never leave us and that your plan is being carried out. Help us in those hard times of waiting. Help us to press into you so we can have the strength and joy of knowing you more deeply. Give us the strength to not waste our waiting but to use those dark moments to grow stronger and more resilient in our faith. In Jesus name, Amen!