

# GENESIS 40:1-23,41:1-46

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## TITLE

OF THE MESSAGE:

**“Go to Jail, Do Not Pass Go”**

## THEME:

***Keeping the Dream Alive***

The life of Joseph

## INTRODUCTION;

I am a fine connoisseur of Monopoly,  
I love the game. I also delight in the fact that when my opponents land on: **“GO TO  
JAIL”** I enjoy the game all the more,

Until I land on those mean words **“GO TO JAIL, DO NOT PASS GO”**

- It's not fair,
- It doesn't seem right to me,
- It's a waste of time... **AND WHEN YOU'RE PLAYING MONOPOLY, TIME IS MONEY!**

We, as believers, while under Trail & Testing may question God and His dealings with us.

√ Why does God do what He does?

√ Why is this happening to me now?

*We look around us and wonder, asking  
“why doesn't God...”*

Isaiah 55:8-9

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

A.) Gods purposes in our suffering *vv. 1-8*

*Genesis 39:21-23*

*If God is with Joseph, then why all the Suffering ?*

**1 Peter 2:21**

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

Concerning the Conversion of Paul;

**Acts 9:16**

"For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

*Suffering is a key Ingredient in the making of a man of God*

Concerning the conversion of Joseph;

**2 Timothy 2:12a KJV**

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him:

**1 Peter 5:10**

But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, (ONLY) after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

*Settle* GRK *themelioō*

to lay a basis, to erect, to provide foundation for

**Hebrews 5:8**  
though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things  
which He suffered.

Suffering weans us from the “imagined” comforts of this life and  
causes us to totally depend upon God.

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## Turn to Romans 8:28-39

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Verse 8

Note;

Joseph’s spirit seems much more tempered than at first when;

### *Genesis 37*

Joseph had the dreams of the sheaves bowing down before his sheaves and the dream  
of the sun, moon and stars bowing down before him and his father Jacob rebukes him  
(pride” ?)

It is interesting to consider that the arrest and imprisonment of Joseph, who is innocent  
was just as ordained as the arrest of the two staffers whom we assume were guilty  
(Unless they too worked for Mrs. Potiphar)

## **B.) God’s purposes in our waiting vv. 9-40:1**

Waiting for me is like emotional fasting.

It exposes our foundation, what it is and to what depth it is.

Verse 9-15

**Ecclesiastes 3:11a**  
He has made everything beautiful in its time.  
Also He has put eternity in their hearts,

# For Joseph, it was time enough -thank you

## Isaiah 40:31

those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

## *Because they waited*

*Wait*      *HEB*      *qavah (kaw-var')*  
*to bind together by weaving and twisting, to patiently gather*

## Verse 14

## Proverbs 18:16

**A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men.**

## Verse 15

The Butler & Baker were imprisoned for

National Security Reasons, it is believed that there might have been an assassination attempt.

## We need to remember;

That Joseph was 17 years old when he was taken down to Egypt and 30 years old when he was promoted out of prison, thus some 13 years of basic training took place in Joseph ministry.

## Verses 16-23

## GENESIS 41:1-46

## Verse 1

*at the end of two full years...*

God will begin to change the weather patterns of the Middle-East, and for seven years Egypt would experience warm moist southern weather patterns which bring abundant water to grow with... Then another seven years of keeping the polar jet stream aloft and to the North which would prevent any rain from falling in the region.

Verses 1-4

DREAM NO. 1

VERSES 5-7

DREAM NO. 2

**C.) God's purposes in our deliverance** *vv. 14-46*

The waiting and suffering had had its character building effects upon Joseph. God had established His way with Joseph

Verse 14

**Psalm 105:18-20**

They hurt his feet with fetters, he was laid in irons. <sup>19</sup> Until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him. <sup>20</sup> The king sent and released him, the ruler of the people let him go free.

Verse 16

That the Glory is of God

**Psalm 75:6 KJV**

**For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. *but from the Lord***

Verse 25

The Dreams are One

## Verses 33-37

Joseph, if you see the need, you meet that need !!!

- Hey Jack, this church needs greeters out front
- Hey Jack, there's not enough children's ministers
- Hey Jack, why don't we get property and build a bigger building

## That's The Lord Calling You To Do It !!!

## Verse 38-46

Tonight, you might be existing in a Christian twilight because of "what appears" to be a broken or aborted dream, bound by what ifs.

Look at hindsight for a moment,

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What has God failed you in ???

### Psalm 42:5

Why are you cast down O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.

### 1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

## Looking Back Over The Past Couple A Years

- Being Led of God to Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa 1977
- Meeting my wife a year later
- Both us barely making enough to eat (*meeting Chuck Anselmi*)
- Then God promoted me at my construction Job
- Quitting, I couldn't find a Job (Our Wedding)
- 1980, God led me to American Hospital Supply Corp. **BAXTER**
- **1980 Saturday Night Men's Prayer (prophecy)**

- 11-12 years there and then moving to Chino Hills (*COW TOWN*)
- *Pastor Chuck encouraged us to start a home Bible study*
- August 19, 1991, we got together for a Sunday Morning Bible Study
- Pastor Chuck, you need to send a Pastor out here quick...

( I have No What Ifs )

## Just the Opposite

### **Ephesians 3:20**

Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

Russia, The Tape Ministry, You, Bible College, **Radio**

### THE STORY ABOUT LINDA

There's a story about a man who visited a mental institution and while walking down the hall he came to a room where a man was knocking his head against the wall say "how could you do this to me Linda, "how could you do this to me Linda, " the visitor asked the doctor "what's wrong with that man "O' Linda jilted him for another guy. Walking down the hall they came to another room and a man was there knocking his head against the wall saying "how could you do this to me Linda, "how could you do this to me Linda, " "what's wrong with this man The doctor replied "that's the guy who married Linda"