

REWRITING OVER ABANDONMENT

Joseph is sent to prison after being falsely accused by Potiphar's wife, once again finding himself in a pit because of the wrongdoings of others. For the second time, he was also given favour and placed in charge of all the prisoners. After some time, Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker were placed in this prison, where they were appointed to Joseph's care. One night, they both had dreams and were greatly troubled by them, and Joseph offered to interpret them. He explained to the cupbearer that Pharaoh would restore him to his former position in three days, whereas the baker would be beheaded. These things came to pass in three days just as Joseph had interpreted: the cupbearer was restored to his former position, and the baker was executed. Before the cup bearer's departure, Joseph pleaded that he would please remember him upon returning to Pharaoh and plead Joseph's innocence. The cupbearer did not remember, though, and Joseph remained in prison.



REMEMBER

Have you ever felt forgotten or overlooked, like Joseph in prison?

Can you recall a time when you saw God's faithfulness in your life, even in the midst of such feelings?

Take a moment to thank Him for His constant presence.

REVIEW

READ GENESIS 40

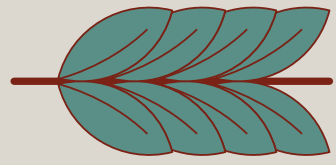
Why do you think Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker were placed under Joseph's care?

Why did Joseph think that interpretations of dreams belong to God?

How was Joseph emotionally able to offer dream interpretations for others when it seemed like his dreams had gone unfulfilled?

What might God be trying to develop in Joseph by allowing him to remain imprisoned?





REWRITE

Where have you wished things would change in your life?

Do you currently feel like God has forgotten you because of the path your life has taken? How does Joseph's story give you hope that God might be using your circumstances?

Are there challenges in your life that God may use to develop your character?

Are there challenges in your life that God may use to prepare you for His purposes?

Are there opportunities to bless people even amid your challenges?

REFLECT

How might you ask God to give you the patience and faith to find contentment in your season of life?

What would your life be like if you believed that God had not forgotten you but was actively working during everything you are experiencing?

Ask God to show you how He would use you to bless others and glorify Him.

