

Forgotten? > Genesis 40:1-23

40:1-8 *God is still near.* Joseph is in jail and now he is joined by two others: the cupbearer and the baker have displeased Pharaoh. Each of them has a dream and despairs of trying to understand what it might mean. But Joseph still trusts that the Lord is in the Giver and Interpreter of dreams.

40:9-19 *God still uses Joseph.* God uses Joseph to interpret the meaning behind the two dreams. The cupbearer's dream is good – he will be restored to Pharaoh's service. The baker's dream, however, is tragic – he will end up dying. Joseph's desire? That the cupbearer would remember him and use his influence to get Joseph released.

40:20-23 *All God said has come true.* The situation plays out exactly as Joseph has said, perfectly fulfilling God's interpretation. Yet, the cupbearer forgets Joseph. Does this mean God has forgotten him? Nothing could be more untrue!

Context: Joseph is in prison after being falsely accused in the matter of Potiphar's wife. Yet, God gave him dreams of power and authority – how will those come true?

Argument: Hardship and persecution do not mean God has forgotten you and they do not necessarily mean that you have sinned. Sometimes, they mean God is using you!

Gospel: Jesus underwent terrible hardships, yet He never sinned. His trials brought about our good.

Applications: Will you trust God more than your circumstances? Who can you encourage to faithfulness today?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
