



Faithfulness In Captivity | Genesis 40:1-23

1. Joseph was just 17 when he was sold into slavery. At age 30 he was put in charge of famine preparations. He had waited for 13 years. How has God been working in your life in the last 13 years?

Read Genesis 40 together.

2. Joseph waited for God to act over those years. What are you waiting for? An answer to prayer perhaps or a new opportunity?
3. Where do you spot Joseph's faithfulness shining through this story?
4. How do you generally react to disappointment? Can you think of a specific example?
5. FB Meyer observed "Though stripped of his coat, Joseph was not stripped of his character." Wherever Joseph went he worked to please God first and foremost. Who are we trying to please? Col 3:23,24, 1 Peter 4:10,11
6. Joseph's gift of the interpretation of dreams had been on the back boiler for 11years. Has God given you a gift that you are not presently using? How can you bring it back into operation? Read Romans 11:29 Message version.
7. What can you learn from this chapter about God's ways, timing and grace?
8. The butler and the baker have their dreams fulfilled in a matter of days. How did this make Joseph feel as he had already waited 11 years?
9. Joseph learnt patience during these years. How is God at work in you teaching you patience? What lessons can you share? Why is patience so important for leaders?



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

