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WEEK 3

DAY 1: READ GENESIS 39:20 - 40:8

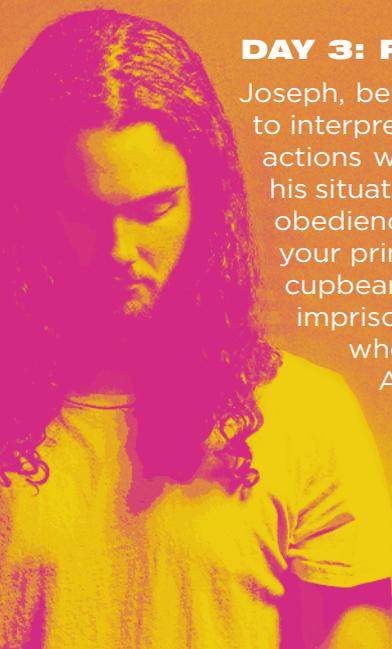
When life gets turned upside down and we find ourselves in tough situations, we tend to withdraw from the world around us and fixate on the tension of our distress. Joseph was unjustly imprisoned for a long time, but his focus was upward to God and outward toward the prison keeper and his fellow prisoners. Joseph was able to offer the ministry of God to others because he was ready and not preoccupied with his own frustrating, overwhelming situation. Are you listening for God and paying attention to others or are you obsessing with your current situation?

DAY 2: READ GENESIS 40:5-8

Just like the baker and cupbearer were troubled because they believed there was no one to interpret their dreams, we live in a world distraught because they don't yet know there is hope, salvation and eternal life in Jesus Christ. In this situation, Joseph was there to be a vessel for God to interpret their dreams. As Christ followers, we can be vessels of our compassionate savior to a desperate world looking for ultimate peace. Who can you share our Hope with today?

DAY 3: READ GENESIS 40:9-15

Joseph, being a humble servant of God, was used to interpret the chief cupbearer's dream. Joseph's actions were not based in a desire to get out of his situation; his actions stemmed from a primary obedience to God. Let obedience to God be your primary focus today. Joseph still asked the cupbearer to remember his unjust imprisonment and be an advocate for him when the cupbearer's situation changes. Are you in a situation like Joseph? While ultimate help comes from God, who can you tell your situation to and ask to advocate for you?



DAY 4: READ PSALM 25

We can have a relationship with God because of Jesus! Are you lonely? Are you afflicted? Are you confused? Tell Him! He listens, He instructs, He cares and He prepares! Focus your eyes on Him, tell Him all the troubles and joys of your heart and boldly ask Him in the name of Jesus. No matter where you are in life, you are not alone. Even when you don't yet see it, thank Him in advance for the things He has done, is doing and has declared to do in the future. He is faithful.

DAY 5: READ GENESIS 40:16-22

Just like Joseph initially told the two prisoners, interpretations belong to God. Joseph could have lied and told this chief baker nice pleasantries or his own interpretation of the dream, but he did not. God is absolute truth. Are you seeking God for His interpretation of the dream? Are you warping it to suit your own limited perspective and imperfect desires? As servants of the most high God, we are called to be agents of truth, not shrinking back from sharing the honest, absolute truth of the Gospel in love. Submit everything before Him first.

DAY 6: READ GENESIS 40:14-23 & PHILIPPIANS 1:1-14

God's plans to keep and provide for Joseph were not derailed just because the chief cupbearer forgot to mention Joseph's situation to Pharaoh. Even when we're thrown into unjust, uneasy situations and are disregarded by others, the work of Christ is still active and accomplishing His will on earth. Cling tightly to the call of Christ you first heard; let Him use you. The Lord sees you. The Lord will complete what He began in you for His glory, your good and the rescue of the world.