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## LOOK FOR A MAN DISCERNING AND WISE! Genesis 41:32-33; 37-40

**Joseph Earned:**

### I. The TESTIMONY of Being FAITHFUL!

**Exodus 1:8** *Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph!*

- A. As a SON he was faithful to his FATHER!  
**37:14** Then he said to him, “Go now and see about the welfare of your brothers and the welfare of the flock, and bring word back to me.”
- B. As a BELIEVER he was faithful to his GOD!  
**39:9** There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?” **10** As she spoke to Joseph day after day, he did not listen to her to lie beside her or be with her!
- C. As a STEWARD he was faithful to his OPPORTUNITIES!  
**40:5** Then the cupbearer and the baker for the King of Egypt, who were confined in jail, both had a dream and each with its own interpretation **6** When Joseph came to them in the morning and observed them, behold they were dejected **7** He asked . . . “why are your faces so sad today?” **8** Then they said to him, “We have had a dream and there is no one to interpret it.” Then Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell to me please.”

**Joseph Endured:**

### II. The TRAGEDY of Being FORGOTTEN!

**40:14** *Only keep me in mind when it goes well with you, and please do me a kindness by mentioning me to Pharaoh and get me out of this house* **23** *Yet the cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him*

- A. OBSERVATION led to personal INVESTIGATION  
**40:6** Joseph . . . them, behold, they were dejected **7** He asked . . . “why are your faces so sad today?”
- B. COMMUNICATION led to powerful INTERPRETATION  
**40:8** Then they said to him . . . Then Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell it to me, please.”
- C. INCARCERATION led to a painful REALIZATION  
**40:14** Only keep me in mind when it goes well with you, and please do me a kindness by mentioning me to Pharaoh and get me out of this house **23** Yet the cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him
  1. DON’T put your trust in PEOPLE!
  2. DO put your trust in GOD!

**Isaiah 49:14** *But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me, And the Lord has forgotten me* **15** *Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you!* **16** *Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands!*

**Joseph Embraced:**

### III. The TRIUMPH of Being FAVORED!

**41:39** *So pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you are!* **40** *You shall be over my house . . .*

- A. DREAM brought a great DISTURBANCE  
**41:1** Now it happened after two full years that Pharaoh had a dream, and behold, he was standing by the Nile
- B. DISCUSSION brought a great DISCOVERY  
**41:9** Then the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh . . . **12** A Hebrew youth was with us there . . . and he interpreted our dreams for us!
- C. DECLARATION brought a great DESTINY  
**41:43** . . . they proclaimed before him, “Bow the knee!”