

# Passing the Test (Joseph)

## Part 2- The Test of Being Forgotten

**Series theme:** When you pass a test, you become stronger.

*If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength!* **Proverbs 24:10**

Today's message: **When it seems you've been forgotten by God, pass the test!**

### 1. The feeling of being forgotten

*So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt. **Genesis 37:28***

*Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined... **Genesis 39:20***

*...remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. **Genesis 40:14***

*The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him. **Genesis 40:23***

Why we feel forgotten:

- 1) **Undeserved suffering**
- 2) **Unfulfilled expectations**
- 3) **Unanswered prayers**
- 4) **Undue waiting**

### 2. The answer to feeling forgotten

*The LORD was with Joseph and he prospered...**Genesis 39:2***

*...But while Joseph was there in the prison, <sup>21</sup> the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. **Genesis 39:20-21***

How to pass the test of feeling forgotten:

- 1) **Use your head**
  - 2) **Keep the faith**
  - 3) **Follow the Leader**
  - 4) **Stick it out**
- **Making It Personal**