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# BUT GOD

A STUDY OF THE  
LIFE OF JOSEPH

"FORSAKEN AND FORGOTTEN...  
BUT NOT FOREVER"  
GENESIS 39:20 – 40:23

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**Introduction:** Someone has said, “Nothing comes into the life of a child of God that has not first been filtered through the loving and perfect will of God.” Today, we will see that encouraging truth illustrated in the life of Joseph.

Genesis 39:20 “So Joseph’s master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail.”

## I. The Jailer Recognizes Joseph’s Gifts (Genesis 39:21-23)

**Success is not determined by our position, but by our disposition.**

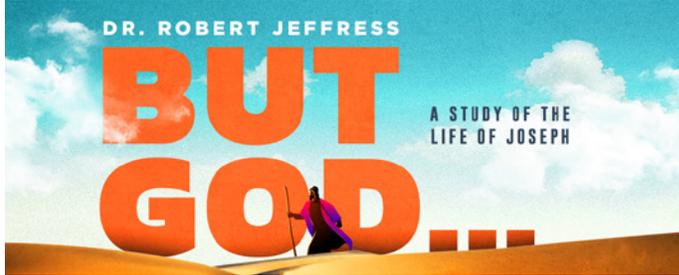
Genesis 39:21-23 <sup>21</sup> “But the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. <sup>22</sup> The chief jailer committed to Joseph’s charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible for it. <sup>23</sup> The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph’s charge because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made to prosper.”

Proverbs 18:16 “A man’s gift makes room for him and brings him before great men.”

Proverbs 22:29 “Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.”

## II. Joseph Empathizes With Two Prisoners (Genesis 40:1-4)

Genesis 40:1-2 <sup>1</sup> “Then it came about after these things, the cupbearer and the baker for the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> Pharaoh was furious with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker.”



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Genesis 40:3-4 <sup>3</sup> “So he put them in confinement in the house of the captain of the bodyguard, in the jail, the same place where Joseph was imprisoned. <sup>4</sup> The captain of the bodyguard put Joseph in charge of them, and he took care of them; and they were in confinement for some time.”

### III. The Prisoners Utilize Joseph’s Gifts (Genesis 40:5-19)

Genesis 40:5-8 <sup>5</sup> “Then the cupbearer and the baker for the king of Egypt, who were confined in jail, both had a dream the same night, each man with his own dream and each dream with its own interpretation. <sup>6</sup> When Joseph came to them in the morning and observed them, behold, they were dejected. <sup>7</sup> He asked Pharaoh’s officials who were with him in confinement in his master’s house, ‘Why are your faces so sad today?’ <sup>8</sup> 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 it to me, please.’”

#### A. The Cupbearer’s Dream (Genesis 40:9-15)

1. The dream stated (Genesis 40:9-11)

2. The dream interpreted (Genesis 40:12-15)

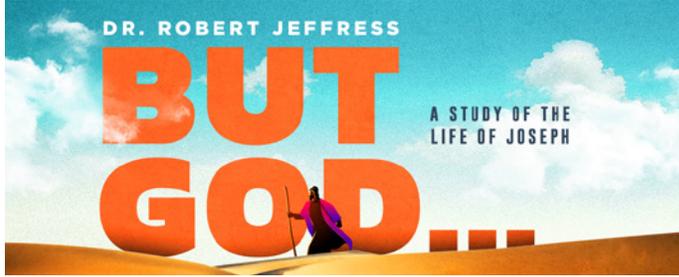
#### B. The Baker’s Dream (Genesis 40:16-19)

1. The dream stated (Genesis 40:16-17)

2. The dream interpreted (Genesis 40:18-19)

### IV. Everyone Demoralizes Joseph (Genesis 40:20-23)

Genesis 40:20-23 <sup>20</sup> “Thus it came about on the third day, which was Pharaoh’s birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. <sup>21</sup> He restored the chief cupbearer to his office, and he put the cup into Pharaoh’s hand; <sup>22</sup> but he hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had interpreted to them. <sup>23</sup> Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.”



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## V. Timeless Truths About Testing

### When Tested, Remember...

- A. God's Sovereignty
- B. God's Sufficiency
- C. God's Timetable
- D. God's Purpose

Romans 8:28-29a <sup>28</sup> "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God who are called according to His purpose. <sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son..."

Conclusion