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**Joseph: Imprisoned But Not Broken**

Genesis 40:1-23

**Key Truth:** Some key ingredients to overcoming your circumstances is patience and faith in God to work on His timetable.

**Joseph Interprets Dreams:**

1. Joseph didn’t let his unjust circumstances stop him from

 caring for others.

2. Joseph’s words and actions pointed people to God and

 not to his giftedness.

3. Joseph was man of integrity no matter the circumstances

 he faced.

4. Even through this unexpected detour God was still

 guiding Joseph to his destiny.

**What We Learn:**

1. We can’t control what happens to us, but we can choose

 our attitude.

2. Perseverance is the key to character development.

 **Romans 5:1-5**

3. Doing good to others won’t always be reciprocated.

 **Genesis 40:23**

4. God is working even when we don’t see it.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for faithfulness of His Word and the knowledge that He is working all things out behind the scenes for your good and His glory. Ask Him, in His grace, to give you signs of His goodness while you wait.

**Connection Group Discussion Questions**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

In the sermon we saw how God spoke to a couple of prisoners through the interpretation of their dreams. What other ways does God show up and speak to us today?

Can you think of a time that God got your attention or “spoke to you”about something? How did He go about it? How did you know it was Him?

Read James 5:7-11: What actions or attitudes does a farmer take to wait patiently for his or her crop to grow? In what ways can you apply these actions or attitudes to your own life?

Read Genesis 40:6-8: How did Joseph use his difficult circumstances to glorify God?

How did Joseph’s interpretation of the dreams verify to others that God was with him?

How did Joseph hope this would lead to his freedom?

Joseph persevered in a tough situation and God built his character in the midst of it. Today we have several advantages or resources that Joseph didn’t. Read the Scriptures below and list the resources we have that can help us persevere in any circumstance.

John 14:25-26

Acts 1:8

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12