

5 While they were in prison, Pharaoh's cup-bearer and baker each had a dream one night, and each dream had its own meaning.

6 When Joseph saw them the next morning, he noticed that they both looked upset. 7 "Why do you look so worried today?" he asked them. 8 And they replied, "We both had dreams last night, but no one can tell us what they mean."

"Interpreting dreams is God's business," Joseph replied. "Go ahead and tell me your dreams."

(Genesis 40:5-8 NLT)

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Introduction

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19 ESV

And the Lord answered, Behold he hath hid himself among the stuff. 1 Samuel 10:22 KJV

Joseph

For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit. Genesis 40:15 ESV

"When all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison" (Genesis 40:14, NIV).

What is the Purpose?

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. Genesis 50:20 ESV

The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. Genesis 39:2 NLT
21 But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden. Genesis 39:21 NLT

18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;
he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. Psalm 34:18 NLT

1. God uses disappointments to bring us to the place where our only hope is in Him.

2. God uses disappointment to test our character

He called for a famine on the land of Canaan,
cutting off its food supply.

17 Then he sent someone to Egypt ahead of them—
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet with fetters
and placed his neck in an iron collar.

19 Until the time came to fulfill his dreams,
the Lord tested Joseph's character.

20 Then Pharaoh sent for him and set him free;
the ruler of the nation opened his prison door.

21 Joseph was put in charge of all the king's household;
he became ruler over all the king's possessions.

22 He could instruct the king's aides as he pleased
and teach the king's advisers.

Psalm 105:16-22 NLT

How Joseph Dealt with Disappointment

6 So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't worry about a thing—except what kind of food to eat! Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man, 7 and Potiphar's wife soon began to look at him lustfully. "Come and sleep with me," she demanded.

8 But Joseph refused. "Look," he told her, "my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. 9 No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God." Genesis 39:6-9 NLT