

FROM PRISON TO PALACE

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INTRO:

1. Prison in S-21
2. Prison in Joseph's time

A. JOSEPH'S PIT

1. **Family** issues (Genesis 30)
2. **Fairness** and inequality (Genesis 37)

B. JOSEPH'S PRISON

1. **False** accusation (Genesis 39)
2. **Forgotten** efforts (Genesis 40)

C. JOSEPH'S PALACE

1. The **grace** of God (Hebrews 4:16; Genesis 39:2; 39:22-23; 41:38)
2. The **goodness** of God (Genesis 50:20; Romans 8:28)
3. The **greatness** of God (Genesis 41:51-52)

CONCLUSION

Tabletalk

1. Share with the group your feelings being in lockdown, shelter-in-place, or quarantined for over 40 days now? What are the positives and the negatives?
2. Skimming through Genesis chapters 30 and 37, how would Jacob's family fit the description of being a dysfunctional family? How would this family environment shape the decision of Joseph's brothers to kill him?
3. In Genesis 39, we find that Joseph was falsely accused of raping Potiphar's wife. How would Joseph feel sold as a slave and then falsely accused in just three years apart?
4. In Genesis 40, we find Joseph having a chance to regain his freedom after interpreting the dreams of the cupbearer and the baker. How would this passage have placed Joseph deeper into the hole?
5. Read Genesis 39:2, 39:22-23 and 41:38. How is God's grace described in these stages of Joseph's life? How is God's grace demonstrated in your life right now?
6. Read Genesis 50:20 and Romans 8:28. How can God make things work out for good in our lives? How does the present calamity already prove that this is happening?
7. Joseph described his life from prison to the palace using his son's names (Genesis 41:51-52). What is the role of God in all of Joseph's life as detailed in these verses? How can we rely on this reality in times of this pandemic?
8. Close the time of sharing by praying for God's grace, goodness and greatness demonstrated in our lives.