

WHERE IS GOD WHEN... “I’m Alone?”

AT 17, JOSEPH WAS DECLARED THE FAVORITE.

STILL A TEENAGER, HIS BROTHERS SOLD JOSEPH INTO SLAVERY.

JOSEPH SERVED THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD FOR 2 YEARS.

FALSELY ACCUSED, JOSEPH WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON.

JOSEPH SPENT 11 YEARS ABANDONED AND FORGOTTEN IN PRISON.

*²⁰ Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined. **But while Joseph was there in the prison,** ²¹ **the Lord was with him;** he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. ²³ The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph’s care, **because the Lord was with Joseph** and gave him success in whatever he did.*
Genesis 39:20-21, 23 (NIV)

*¹ **Some time later,** the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their master, the king of Egypt.*

*² Pharaoh was angry with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³ and put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the same prison where Joseph was confined. ⁴ The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he attended them. **After they had been in custody for some time,** ⁵ each of the two men—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were being held in prison—had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own.*
Genesis 40:1-5 (NIV)

⁶ When Joseph came to them the next morning, he saw that they were dejected. ⁷ So he asked Pharaoh’s officials who were in custody with him in his master’s house, “Why

do you look so sad today?”⁸ “We both had dreams,” they answered, “but there is no one to interpret them.” Then Joseph said to them, “**Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams.**”⁹ So the chief cupbearer told Joseph his dream... **Genesis 40:6-9 (NIV)**

¹⁴ **But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison.** ¹⁵ *I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon.*” **Genesis 40:14-15 (NIV)**

²⁰ Now the third day was Pharaoh’s birthday, and he gave a feast for all his officials. He lifted up the heads of the chief cupbearer and the chief baker in the presence of his officials: ²¹ He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, so that he once again put the cup into Pharaoh’s hand—²² but he impaled the chief baker, just as Joseph had said to them in his interpretation. ²³ **The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.** **Genesis 40:20-23 (NIV)**

1. Joseph still sees blessings in the valley!

⁵ *“I will never fail you. I will never abandon you!”* **Hebrews 13:5 (NLT)**

³³ *I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth, you will have many trials and sorrows. **But take heart, because I have overcome the world.***” **John 16:33 (NLT)**

2. God still works and uses Joseph while he’s waiting!

3. Joseph refuses to doubt the promises God has laid out for his life!