

OUT OF THE PIT

WEEK 4 HOMEWORK

DAY 1

1. Read Genesis 40. What do verses 1-7 reveal about Joseph's relationships with others?
2. What does verse 8 reveal about Joseph's relationship with God?

DAY 2

1. Reread Genesis 40. In your journal, either write out or draw the images described by the cupbearer and baker about their dreams.
2. Imagine that you are Joseph interpreting these dreams for his fellow prisoners. How do you imagine seeing their dreams fulfilled impacted Joseph's faith?
3. How do you think that experience might have influenced the way he thought about the dreams he had back in Canaan?

DAY 3

1. Read Genesis 40:1 and Genesis 41:1. One is vague and the other specific about the passage of time. How do you tend to think about time—in vague or specific terms?

2. Have you ever struggled to remain patient when waiting on God's timing? Write the details of that experience in your journal.

DAY 4

1. How long was it between the cupbearer and baker's dreams and their fulfillment? (See verses 12 & 18)
2. How would you feel if you were Joseph, interpreting dreams for others and watching their dreams be fulfilled almost immediately, yet still waiting on the fulfillment of your own dreams?
3. Is there an area of your life where you are being forced to wait for something—for a relationship that is yet to be restored, a dream that is yet to be fulfilled, a promise that is yet to be kept? How has the experience of waiting impacted your relationship with God?

DAY 5

1. Reread Genesis 39 & 40 and copy into your journal key words or phrases that describe Joseph's actions.
2. What do these chapters reveal about Joseph's character? His work ethic? His faith?
3. Do you get the impression that God is using this season in his life to shape him? How so?