

Living Beyond Your Circumstances
Lesson 3: Overcoming Being Forgotten
Scriptures: Genesis 39:21-23; 40:1-8, 20-23 (NIV)
Reference Scriptures: Psalms 27:10; 94:14; 137:1-6

Forgotten: *to cease or fail to remember; be unable to recall, to omit or neglect unintentionally, to leave behind unintentionally, to omit mentioning; leave unnoticed, to fail to think of*

Question: *Have you ever rediscovered something that you forgot you had?*

Genesis 39:21-23

21 the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. 22 So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. 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 40:1-8

1 Sometime 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. 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."

Genesis 40:14-15

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 40:20-23

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.

Live It Out

Consider these suggestions:

Make a difference. Jump in with both feet to serve God and others. Find an area of need in your church or community, and use your gifts to serve the Lord.

Application Questions:

- How do we remain faithful when we find ourselves where we didn't expect to be?
- What are some of the feelings that Joseph may have had, after being forgotten in the prison?
- How can we support one another to keep doing what God has gifted us to do?