

## The Butler and the Baker

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**INTRO:** Problems with the RV pt. 2. RV means ruins vacation. Spent time preparing to work and live in the RV. Transmission goes out on my way to do God's work. Landed right at a repair shop. Fixed. Camp Meeting. Leave to go home, smell of fuel, exhaust. Make it to church, fluid pouring out of RV. No green fluid, only fuel. Go home, no red lights. Park. Sure enough, fuel pouring out, now green fluid too.

*SOMETIMES THINGS DON'T GO AS PLANNED, YET IT DOES NOT MEAN GOD HAS FORESAKEN US.*

### **-HOW DID JOSEPH END UP IN PRISON?**

-His brothers sold him into slavery, but God was with him.

#### **-Genesis 39:2**

**The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.**

-Potipher's wife wanted Joseph: **Genesis 39: 7, 9**

**7 And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife [e]cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."**

**9 *There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"***

-Joseph ended up in prison, but God was with him.

#### **-Genesis 39:22-23**

**22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing.**

**23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything *that was under [h]Joseph's authority, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.***

### **-THE BUTLER AND THE BAKER:**

-They offended the king of Egypt and were thrown in prison.

-They both have a dream: **Genesis 40:8**

**8 And they said to him, "We each have had a dream, and *there is no interpreter of it.*"**

### **THE BUTLER'S DREAM:**

-Vine with three branches and blossoms with ripe grapes.

- The butler will be restored
- Joseph asks the butler to remember him and show kindness

**(Genesis 40:14)**

**14 But remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house.**

### **THE BAKER'S DREAM:**

- Three white baskets on the baker's head that the birds eat out.
- Baker will be beheaded and hanged in a tree and the birds will eat his flesh.

-Three days later the prophecies are fulfilled and the butler forgets about Joseph **(Genesis 40:23).**

**23 Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.**

### **THE PHAROAH'S DREAMS:**

- Two full years later the Pharaoh has two dreams, the cows then the grain.
- First, Pharaoh calls for the magicians, **Genesis 41:8.**

**8 Now it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but *there was* no one who could interpret them for Pharaoh.**

### **THE BUTLER'S MEMORY RESTORED:**

-Genesis 41:9, "I remember my faults this day."

### **CALLED BEFORE THE PHAROAH:**

-Joseph prepares to meet the king, Genesis 41:14:

\*Shaves

\*Changes clothes (Is. 64:6)

### **CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE:**

-God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace **(Genesis 41:16).**

**16 So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "*It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.*"**

### **JOSEPH IS "SAVIOR"**

-The name **Joseph** means **Jehovah has added**

-**Genesis 41:45**, Joseph's name is changed to **Zaphnath-Paaneah**, which means, Treasury of the Glorious Rest. In the Coptic signifies, A Revealer of Secrets, The Man to Whom Secrets are Revealed.

### **INTRODUCE COMMUNION & PARALELLS TO JOSEPH'S STORY:**

-Butler = Juice/wine

-Baker = Bread

#### **PP 332.2:**

The children of Jacob were tempted to contract marriages with the heathen and to worship their idols. But Joseph was faithful to God, and his fidelity was a constant testimony to the true faith. It was to quench this light that Satan worked through the envy of Joseph's brothers to cause him to be sold as a slave in a heathen land. God overruled events, however, so that the knowledge of Himself should be given to the people of Egypt. Both in the house of Potiphar and in the prison Joseph received an education and training that, with the fear of God, prepared him for his high position as prime minister of the nation.

#### **-GENESIS 50:19-20**

19 Joseph said to them, “**Do not be afraid**, for *am* I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, **you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good**, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive.

21 Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.