

# The Cupbearer

## Genesis 40:1-4, 14, 20-23

<sup>1</sup>Some time later, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their master, the king of Egypt.

<sup>2</sup>Pharaoh was angry with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, <sup>3</sup>and put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the same prison where Joseph was confined. <sup>4</sup>The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he attended them.

<sup>14</sup>But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison.

<sup>20</sup>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: <sup>21</sup>He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, so that he once again put the cup into Pharaoh's hand, <sup>22</sup>but he hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had said to them in his interpretation. <sup>23</sup>The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

## Genesis 41:1, 9

<sup>1</sup>When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile,

<sup>9</sup>Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "Today I am reminded of my shortcomings.

## 2 Chronicles 24:21-22

<sup>21</sup>But they plotted against him, and by order of the king they stoned him to death in the courtyard of the Lord's temple. <sup>22</sup>King Joash did not remember the kindness Zechariah's father Jehoiada had shown him but killed his son, who said as he lay dying, "May the Lord see this and call you to account."



### **Discussion Questions:**

Share a time that you can look back on your past and see that God was working in the background of your life.

Why is it so hard to have patience as God orchestrates what is to come to pass in our life?

Why do we often forget the kindnesses that others show us? How can you grow better at remembering kindness and showing gratitude towards others?

Why is having gratitude in our lives so important?

Is there someone you should reach out to say "thank you for investing in me?" Will you commit to reach out to them?

### **Ministry Time Questions:**

Is anyone struggling with the pain of feeling forgotten about?

Have you been feeling overwhelmed or greatly stressed out about the way that life that is unfolding around you?