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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS



"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"

How could he forget me?

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GENESIS 4:23 NKJV – (20) Now it came to pass on the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. **(21)** Then he restored the chief butler to his butlership again, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. **(22)** But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. **(23)** **Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.**

In jail. Two men. Two dreams. Two interpretations. One lives, one dies. One man forgets. In jail. "Some time before this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody".

We don't know how long Joseph had been in prison when the cupbearer and baker arrived. It must have been more than a day or two. Perhaps he had been in prison for a few months when suddenly these two new inmates showed up. The cupbearer would eventually be his ticket out, but he had no way to know that at the time, and it wouldn't come to pass for two more years. You see, he asked the cupbearer to tell Pharaoh about him. But when the cupbearer got out of prison, he didn't fall back on his word. Do you find yourself depending on others to help you get of your situations instead of God? Or do you simply have a problem on waiting? Why did God allow him to stay in prison so long? To mold his character, to teach him total dependency and to teach forgiveness. Many have been in spiritual prisons for a long time and you are crying out to God! He hears you, but let me tell you something I had to learn.

God moves in a mysterious way. His wonders to perform. He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm. Let God be God and all will be well Judge not the Lord by feeble sense. But trust Him for His grace; Behind a frowning providence. He hides a smiling face. His purposes will ripen fast. God is His own interpreter and He will make it plain. Let God be God and all will be well.

Now, let me ask the key question one more time: **Are you willing to wait for God?**

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 25:3

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: You can't change what you are willing to tolerate.