



Hey, Hey!!

Your ministry is so very important, and I am so grateful for each of you. This next season of ministry and growing to be more inclusive in our groups is essential. Thank you all for taking on the influx of new people in your groups.

I am praying for each of you, and please let me know if you need anything.

## Small Group Guide: Faithfulness in Obscurity - Joseph's Journey

*"Obedience is built in the dark, it's in the prison God refines."* Pastor Justin

### Discussion Questions: Genesis 40&41

1. Pastor Justin pointed out the gap between the end of Ch40, and the beginning of Ch41 with... "two full years later". Have you ever had a similar season of waiting? How did you handle it?
2. How do you typically respond when you feel like God is silent or not moving in your life?
3. Pastor Justin said, "If your obedience is only fueled by outcomes, it's not obedience, it's performance." How does this statement challenge your view of faithfulness?
4. Joseph remained faithful and compassionate even in prison. How can we cultivate a servant's heart when we're going through difficult times?
5. Pastor Justin said that God does His deepest work in seasons of obscurity. Can you share an experience where you felt God shaping you during a challenging period?
6. How does Joseph's story of naming his sons (Manasseh and Ephraim) inspire you to reframe your own struggles?
7. Pastor Justin said that "sometimes your biggest message comes out of your biggest mess." How might God be calling you to use your past experiences to help others?

### Practical Applications:

1. Identify an area in your life where you're waiting for God to move. Commit to remaining faithful in that area this week, even if you don't see immediate results.
2. Practice noticing others' needs, even when you're going through your own struggles. Look for one opportunity this week to serve someone else despite your circumstances.
3. Take time to reflect on a past painful experience. How has God brought fruit from that suffering? Consider sharing this testimony with someone who needs encouragement.
4. Start a "faithfulness journal" where you record small acts of obedience and how God is working in the unseen areas of your life.
5. Choose one person in your life who seems to be in a "prison" season. Reach out to them with encouragement, reminding them of God's faithfulness.
6. Examine any areas where you might be numbing your soul instead of feeding it. Make a plan to replace one unhealthy coping mechanism with a spiritually nourishing activity.
7. Pray for God to reveal any "Manasseh" (healing) or "Ephraim" (fruitfulness) moments in your own journey. Be prepared to share these with the group next time you meet.



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