

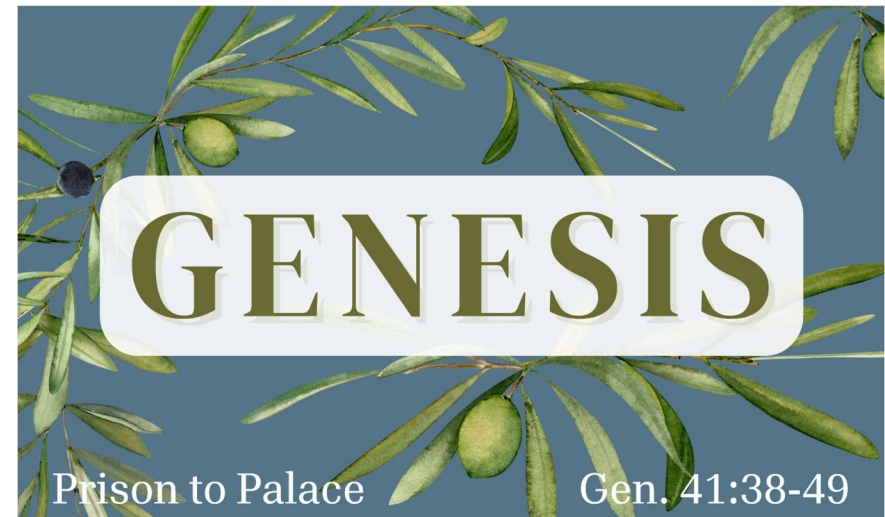
3. Why do you think God often uses pain to shape and prepare His people?

4. Why do you think God often works most deeply in us during seasons of pain rather than comfort?

5. Share about a painful season in your life: how did God use it to grow you, change you, or position you for something greater?

# Sermon Discussion

## Points for



Calvary Chapel Groups  
Sunday, October 5, 2025

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### Read Genesis 41:38-49

Joseph spent 13 years as a slave in Egypt after his brothers sold him into slavery. In that time, he had been falsely accused and thrown into prison. He waited and hoped that one day he would be freed from prison and that all God had spoken to him would come to pass. He had no idea that in the waiting, God was working and would do more than he ever could have imagined.

### Vs. 38-40 – God Can Bring Breakthrough in an Instant

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1. After waiting 13 years for a change in his situation, Joseph experienced a radical change in a single day. How did his waiting prepare him for God's plan?
2. Why do you think God often uses seasons of waiting before bringing breakthrough?
3. Why do we tend to want "microwave" breakthroughs rather than "crockpot" ones
4. How have you seen God "working in the waiting" in your own life?
5. What is the hardest part for you about trusting God's timing?

### Vs. – 41-45 – God's Favor Can Exceed All Expectations

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1. Joseph only wanted to get out of prison—but God made him ruler of Egypt. What does that reveal about God's ability to exceed our expectations?
2. Can you think of a time when God's answer to your prayer was very different—but better—than what you asked for?
3. How does knowing God's favor isn't based on performance but on His grace change how you wait and hope?
4. Read Ephesians 3:20. How does this verse encourage you as you wait on God?
5. What is an area in your life where you might be settling for "just enough" instead of trusting God for more?

### Vs. 46-49 – God Brings Purpose from Pain

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1. Looking back at Joseph's journey, what purposes can you see in the pain he endured?
2. How might Joseph's story encourage someone who feels forgotten by God right now?