



**ENTER** God's presence

Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory  
in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,

<sup>4</sup>what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?

<sup>5</sup>You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup>You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their feet:

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and herds,  
and the animals of the wild,

<sup>8</sup>the birds in the sky,  
and the fish in the sea,  
all that swim the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup>Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
(Psalm 8: 1-9)

**Faithful God,**  
**We come before you reminded of Joseph, who served faithfully**  
**even in prison, seemingly forgotten by others but never by you.**  
**In your perfect timing, you brought him from the dungeon to**  
**stand before Pharaoh.**

**When we feel overlooked or forgotten, help us remember that**  
**our faithfulness to you is never in vain. Like Joseph, may we**  
**continue to serve with integrity, trusting in your plans for us**  
**even when we cannot see the purpose in our circumstances.**  
**Help us trust that you are faithful even when we cannot see it,**  
**and that we are never forgotten by the one who holds our**  
**future.**

**In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Week beginning:  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

Worship series:  
**Behind the Seen**  
**#Week 4**  
**Faithful yet forgotten**



**VERSE** for the week

<sup>15</sup>Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

<sup>16</sup>"I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."

**Genesis 41: 15-16**



**REMEMBER** this week

It's not your work that makes you remembered, it's God's faithfulness to his promise to never forget you.



**SHARE** life together

1. What's something God has put on your mind or heart recently?
2. Have you experienced a time in your life where you have felt forgotten?
3. How do you react when people forget?

Ask any child, and they can tell you what it's like when a parent forgets a promise. Maybe you've heard: "Can we go to the park today?" and the reply, "Not now, we'll go later this afternoon—I promise." But as the afternoon slips by, other things come up, distractions take over, and the promised trip to the park never happens.

Or perhaps someone once promised to do something for you, to give you what you needed, or offered to help. Yet, when the time came, they forgot. They didn't follow through; they didn't keep their word. Joseph found himself in a situation just like this. He was in prison and had a chance at freedom because he interpreted the cupbearer's dream. Joseph asked the cupbearer to remember him and mention him to the king. But when the dream came true and the cupbearer was released, he forgot Joseph completely.

Joseph's hopes were crushed because he was forgotten. The consequences for his life were serious. But while Joseph was let down by another person, God did not forget him. Despite his continued time in prison, Joseph remembered that God was with him and chose to remain faithful to the one who was always faithful to him.



**LISTEN** attentively

Read Genesis 41:1-39 in your bible, or click [Here](#)

4. Joseph had to wait two more years before the cup- bearer remembered (Gen 41:1). How do you think he maintained his faith and trust in God during that time?
5. What evidence do you see that Joseph was never truly forgotten, even during his darkest moments?
6. Joseph could have allowed his time in prison to determine how he thought about his life, yet he still credited God when interpreting Pharaoh's dream (Gen 41:16). What does this tell us about his character?

Being forgotten is an experience many of us have encountered at some point in our lives. Sometimes we forget others, and other times, others forget us. These moments of being forgotten often influence how we respond—not only to life but also to God. However, the truth is that God does not forget us. He remains faithful to His promises and always keeps His word. Even during difficult seasons, like Joseph's story in our reading today, when we cannot clearly see what God is doing or why, He remains true to His promises. Because of that faithfulness, we are never forgotten.



- 7. In what ways does Joseph's story show that God's timing is different from ours?**
- 8. How can we guard against discouragement when we go through seasons of waiting? When it can feel like God has forgotten us.**
- 9. Joseph's faithfulness wasn't seen in a public way until Pharaoh called him. How can we practice being faithful to God when no one is watching?**



What we hear of Joseph in Genesis, shows how God's purposeful plan unfolds through faithfulness, God's and Joseph's, even in the face of hardship and waiting. Despite years of betrayal, slavery, false accusation, and imprisonment, Joseph demonstrated a quiet confidence in God. His faithfulness—whether serving faithfully in prison or humbly crediting God for the interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams—demonstrates that true faithfulness is not dependent on current circumstances but anchored in the faithfulness of One who holds all things in his hands.

- 10. Even when forgotten by people, Joseph wasn't forgotten by God. What practices help you remember God's presence in seasons of delay?**
- 11. How does Joseph's story challenge you to remain faithful even when you can't see God's plan?**
- 12. How can we come alongside others and encourage them to be faithful then they feel forgotten?**



- Praise God for his steadfast faithfulness and love for us at all times
- Thank God for all those we know who demonstrate faithfulness in their lives. Ask the Lord to inspire us through their example to live faithfully in our walk with him.
- Ask God to help all of those who feel forgotten. Those who have lost hope and those who are struggling in their seasons of waiting for God to act.
- For those we know who are experiencing health issues—physical or mental health; those grieving; those struggling with general life issues.
- Thank God for all his good gifts to us. Thank God he always keeps his Word of promise to us as his children, and to help us trust him more.



**BLESS** one another

You might like to address one person in your group and make the sign of the cross in the air as you say...

**[Name], even when you feel unseen and forgotten, you are never alone. God is always faithful in his love for you and his plans for your life. Amen**