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Hold on to Jesus in order to experience His presence and watch Him use you in people's lives

 Joseph's story isn't about showing up for the big game, but about being dialed in during <u>practice</u>.

Genesis 39: 20b-23

Matthew 25:23

The principle of "faithful with <u>little</u>, faithful with <u>much</u>"

Being faithful is about where you are now, not about when you get **somewhere** else.

2. Joseph's story isn't about self-reliance, but about God-dependence.

Genesis 40:1-19

You have a unique opportunity to give God's <u>clarity</u> in their confusion

3. Joseph's story isn't about power, but about purpose.

Genesis 40:20-22

Genesis 40:23

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

2 Corinthians 5:20

You aren't on the planet for the purpose of being your own king, but for being His <u>ambassador</u>

Now What? Hold on to Jesus in order to experience His presence and watch Him use you in people's lives



Week of April 22

Hold On #3 - Esteemed/Forgotten

Home Groups are a place to build friendships, talk about what we are learning, and walk through life together. You can find more information at www.trinityonline.org/connect/home-groups/.



When was a time when someone was there for you in a difficult time?



The story of Joseph reveals the faithfulness of God even when it seems like the bottom is falling out. Read Genesis 39:20-40:23.

What was Joseph's situation and what was he doing?

How do we see God at work in all parties? What do we learn about the character and ability of God in this passage?

How was Joseph faithful and glorifying of God even in this situation? (see also Matthew 25:23)

What part of this story speaks to your heart? What does it make you think about or want to do?



In Genesis 40:4, God assigned Joseph to "attend" to people and he noticed their condition (40:6). How would we do that? How does God help us? What keeps us from being attentive to the people in our world? How can you be helpful?

Joseph 'spoke for God' to the people in his world. In what kind of situation might we also do this? How does God help us do this?

What does Paul say in Colossians 4:2-6 about how to pray for and be this kind of influence in our world?



- Pray for one another and the people God wants us to "attend "
- Pray for our people serving on Short Term trips
- Pray for hurting people in your world



Pray for and be 'on the lookout' for opportunities to love and serve people.