



Life Group Sermon Guide Questions 22 MARCH 2026



“Two Full Years” GENESIS 41:1

Picture Credit:
Joseph interpreting Pharaoh's Dream (1894)
Reginald Arthur (English, 1871-1934)

Questions for Further Reflection: Read 40:1-23, 41:1-40

Your Aspirations versus Reality

- 1) What kind of success are you craving for but are not having now?
- 2) What are your thoughts and feelings about not having this success?
- 3) What makes this success so important to you that you must have it?
- 4) What can be a more helpful way of thinking and feeling about not having this success?

Where is Your “Dungeon”? When is Your “Two Full Years”?

- 5) Describe a moment when you feel that nobody knows, let alone cares about you or your work (obscurity).
- 6) Describe a moment when you feel that, despite your best efforts, life is not turning out the way you want it (frustration).
- 7) Describe a moment when you feel being a victim of some injustice, real or imagined (unfairness).

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During Your “Two Full Years”

- 8) Do you really believe that God has a timetable for your life? Why or why not?
- 9) What is making us uncomfortable while we have no choice but to go through our “two full years”?
- 10) When do you “leave it to God” and when do you “do something” (like Joseph asking the cupbearer to have him released)?
- 11) Imagine God has prematurely given you the success you want but you’re not ready for it. What do you think would happen?
- 12) What would you think, feel and do if God has no intention of ending your “two full years”?

Giving your best gifts now

- 13) What do you think God wants you to be faithful about, day after day?
- 14) What is making it hard to remain faithful, even if there is no reward in sight?
- 15) What new thinking and/or behavior can help you to “keep the faith”?
- 16) What are the possible positive outcomes as you remain faithful in your dungeon?
- 17) Conversely, what would be the possible consequences if you give up or even resort to questionable means to escape your dungeon?

Keeping Spiritually Fresh

- 18) What is it about “dungeon time” that threatens to make you wallow in bitterness, resentment or self-pity (Begg’s words)?
- 19) Although the text doesn’t say much, what do you think are Joseph’s “secrets” to keep one’s spiritual balance amidst such adverse circumstances?
- 20) On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being bone-dry and 10 being deeply refreshed, what number describes your spiritual life? What makes it so?
- 21) What small steps can you do to bring your spiritual life to a higher number?
- 22) What support would you need to make this higher number happen?



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Trusting God to Vindicate You

- 23) How can you reconcile that “God is good” and yet “life is unfair”?
- 24) If you are a victim of unfairness and that justice delayed is justice denied, what does it say if you feel God has not vindicated you (or at least, not yet)?
- 25) What Bible passages assure us that God will make everything right in the end?
- 26) What makes it helpful to be convinced that God is the Ultimate Judge?
- 27) What will you do in the meantime while the perceived unfairness remains?

