

## **Thriving with Joseph, pt 3**

Genesis 39:21 – 40:

### **The herd mentality**

### **Wherever you are, it's not by accident (39:21-14:13)**

From yeah duck to yuck duck: the cupbearer & baker

In prison by divine appointment

Serving, he *noticed* and *attended*

### **Hope to Disappointment (40:14-23)**

We recognize people forget us.

Does God forget us? (see Ps 13)

Joseph gets the answer 2 years later.

Principle: In an Age of extremes, devotion to Christ Is the Greatest Challenge

Thrivers accept discouragement & wait for God's time.

### **A Word about biblical lament**

It is always Godward and rooted in trust.

God will be true to Himself & is always enough.

### **Dependance is not denial (40:15)**

Persevere in your God-permitted place.

Yucky duck days are not wasted or forsaken.

Disappointments lead to new appointments.

### **Can we only receive good from God's hand?**

Psalms 119:71; Job 2:10

Problem: we agree to it but don't live like it.

Why is our first thought to get out of our unwanted circumstance if we truly embrace that we are there by Divine Appointment?

Finding the "MODE" button in life

Hostile times are not easy times, but they are days of great opportunity.

What will I be, think, & act? Will I praise?

### **What if our appointment is because of another's sin?**

Watch out for entitled mode.

### **Take it Home**