

**DREAMS AND DETOURS**  
*Lessons from the Life of Joseph*

**FROM THE PRISON TO THE PALACE**

Genesis 40-41      Jeff Schreve

*So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail. Genesis 39:20*

**How can you experience a great promotion with the Lord?**

**1. Refuse to focus on yourself.**

A. Keep trusting the Lord.

B. Keep noticing others.

*When Joseph came to them in the morning and observed them, behold, they were dejected. And he asked Pharaoh's officials who were with him in confinement in his master's house, "Why are your faces so sad today?" Genesis 40:6-7*

**2. Refuse to let anything derail your faith.**

*Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him. Genesis 40:23*

A. God is in control, and His ways are not our ways.

B. God uses delays to test us and build our character.

*He sent Joseph, who was sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with shackles, and cut into his neck with an iron collar. The LORD'S promise tested him through fiery trials until his prediction came true. Psalm 105:17-19*

**3. Live with confident expectation of a better tomorrow.**

A. When the time is right, God moves quickly.

B. When the time is right, God will promote you.

**The Big Question: Will you be faithful until death?**