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Life of Joseph Turning Famine Into Favor

A famine is a lack of life's necessities or essentials which are needed to sustain a person. It's a desert, dry, wilderness and starvation place. A place where growth and prosperity slows down or stop. A famine can cause depression, digression, and/or death. Satan's primary goal is to influence us to deny our faith and yield to him. God allows famines in our lives to turn pain into pearls. A famine is God's training ground to grow us to become spiritual giants for His Kingdom and purpose. How do we grow in our famines or difficult times?

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Our faith is shown through our actions, which can turn famine into favor. *Romans 8:28*

Background: Joseph was put into prison by his employer (Potiphar) for a crime of attempted rape which he did not commit. While in prison Joseph interpreted a dream for the king's employee (the cupbearer), (*Genesis 40:13*); it came to pass just as Joseph said it would. Joseph asked the king's employee to remember him once he was set free (*Genesis 40:14*). He asked him to "tell the king about me so that I may be set free". The king's employee forgot about Joseph (*Genesis 40:23*). During Joseph's famine experience in prison, he kept his Christian composure, values and faith in God.

This lesson is coming from *Genesis 40:1-36*

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| 1. God is still in control | v. 1a |
| 2. Orchestrated by God | v. 1b-7 |
| 3. God's wisdom | v. 8 |
| 4. God's timing | v. 9-13 |
| 5. God cleans us up | v. 14 |
| 6. Glory to God | v. 15-16 |
| 7. King's Problem | v. 17-24 |
| 8. Interpretation of problem | v. 25-32 |
| 9. Answer to problem | v. 33-36 |