

# DAY 24

WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 22

*"Faith does not grow disheartened because prayer is not immediately honoured; it takes God at His Word, and lets Him take what time He chooses in fulfilling His purposes, and in carrying on His work." —E.M. Bounds*

**"Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, 'I remember my offenses today. When Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put me and the chief baker in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, we dreamed on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own interpretation. A young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard..." Genesis 41:9-12a**

## **TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:**

When Joseph was waiting in prison, he was, no doubt, being trained in the school of patience. Scripture doesn't explicitly mention whether or not he prayed while in prison. But one can imagine him wondering both in the prison and in the pit he was thrown into long ago, "How long, O Lord, until you rescue me?"

It took two years before God moved to free Joseph from captivity. All of a sudden, after two years of forgetting, the cupbearer remembers Joseph—that he was supposed to mention Joseph to Pharaoh after his own release from prison. Who knows why this lapse in time? The sovereign God has his ways. Pray we must. But we must also leave the secret, unknown will of God to God and trust him in our seasons of waiting.

In our prayers for revival and for the lost, may we not despise the fact that waiting goes hand in hand with urgent, expectant prayer.

## **TODAY'S PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE:**

Father, help us pray for things on our hearts with greater fervency and expectancy. And, all the while, teach us to relinquish our grip on how and when you choose to answer such prayers.

## **TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:**

Father, would you grant those who are far from you the gift of new birth? Give me opportunities to engage them with the gospel and help me patiently wait on you to answer my prayers for their salvation.

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