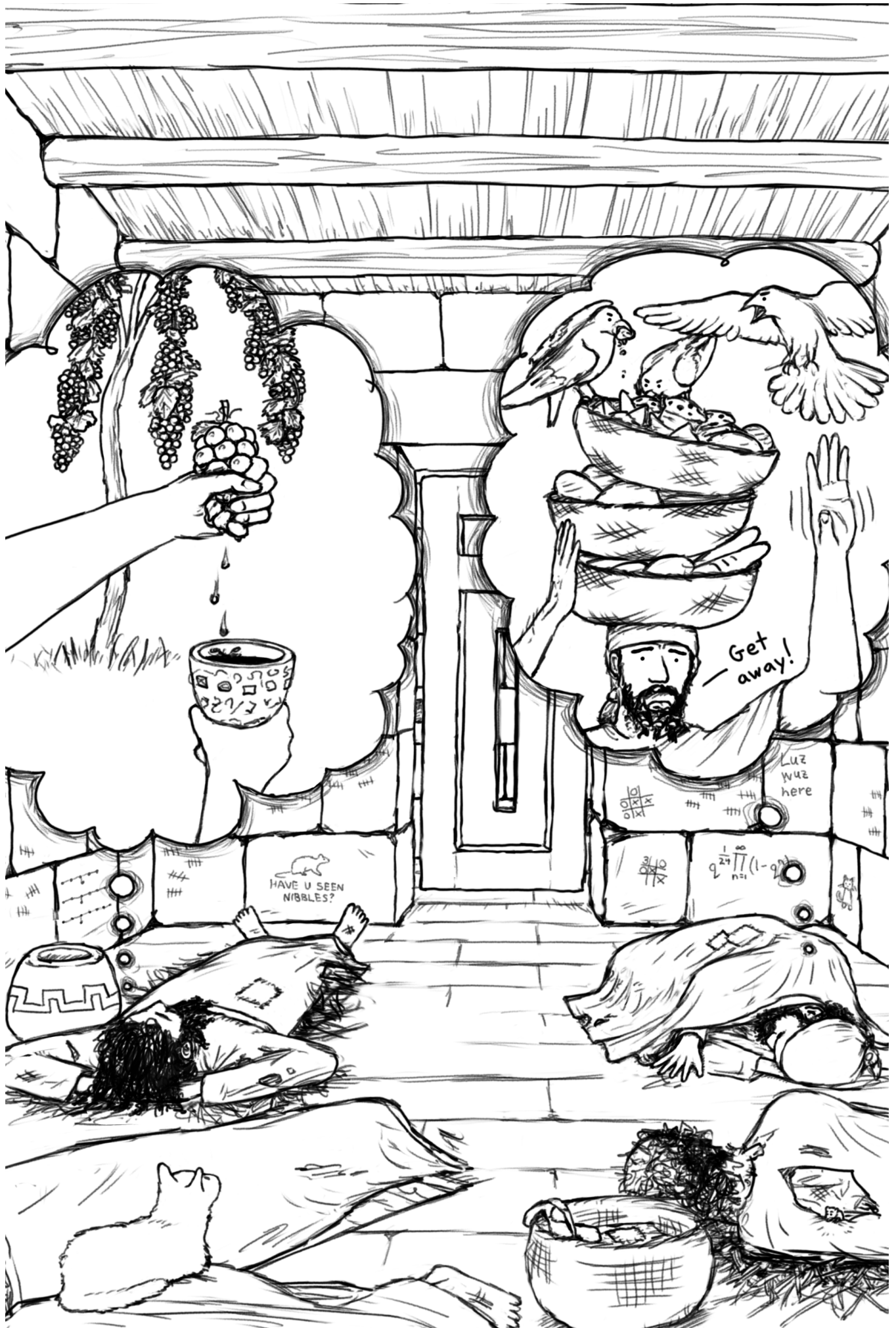




Lesson 11

Deuteronomy 31:8

“The Lord Himself will go ahead of you. He will be with you. He will never leave you. He’ll never desert you. So don’t be afraid. Don’t lose hope.”

The Wine Taster and the Baker

Genesis 40:1–23

¹Some time later, the Egyptian king’s baker and wine taster did something their master didn’t like. ²So Pharaoh became angry with his two officials, the chief wine taster and the chief baker. ³He put them in prison in the house of the captain of the palace guard. It was the same prison where Joseph was kept. ⁴The captain put Joseph in charge of those men. So Joseph took care of them.

Some time passed while they were in prison. ⁵Then each of the two men had a dream. The men were the Egyptian king’s baker and wine taster. They were being held in prison. Both of them had dreams the same night. Each of their dreams had its own meaning.

⁶Joseph came to them the next morning. He saw that they were sad. ⁷They were Pharaoh’s officials, and they were in prison with Joseph in his master’s house. So he asked them, “Why do you look so sad today?”

⁸“We both had dreams,” they answered. “But no one can tell us what they mean.”

Then Joseph said to them, “Only God knows what dreams mean. Tell me your dreams.”

⁹So the chief wine taster told Joseph his dream. He said to him, “In my dream I saw a vine in front of me. ¹⁰There were three branches on the vine. As soon as it budded, it flowered. And bunches of ripe grapes grew on it. ¹¹Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand. I took the grapes. I squeezed them into Pharaoh’s cup. Then I put the cup in his hand.”

¹²“Here’s what your dream means,” Joseph said to him. “The three branches are three days. ¹³In three days Pharaoh will let you out of prison. He’ll give your job back to you. And you will put Pharaoh’s cup in his hand. That’s what you used to do when you were his wine taster. ¹⁴But when everything is going well with you, remember me. Do me a favor. Speak to Pharaoh about me. Get me out of this prison. ¹⁵I was taken away from the land of the Hebrews by force. Even here I haven’t done anything to be put in prison for.”

¹⁶The chief baker saw that Joseph had given a positive meaning to the wine taster’s dream. So he said to Joseph, “I had a dream too. There were three baskets of bread on my head. ¹⁷All kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh were in the top basket. But the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head.”

¹⁸“Here’s what your dream means,” Joseph said. “The three baskets are three days. ¹⁹In three days Pharaoh will cut your head off. Then he will stick a pole through your body and set the pole up. The birds will eat your flesh.”

²⁰The third day was Pharaoh’s birthday. He had a feast prepared for all his officials. He brought the

chief wine taster and the chief baker out of prison. He did it in front of his officials. ²¹He gave the chief wine taster's job back to him. Once again the wine taster put the cup into Pharaoh's hand. ²²But Pharaoh had a pole stuck through the chief baker's body. Then he had the pole set up. Everything happened just as Joseph had told them when he explained their dreams.

²³But the chief wine taster didn't remember Joseph. In fact, he forgot all about him.

Questions

- 1 Why did Pharaoh become angry with his chief wine taster and his chief baker? Pharaoh became angry with them because they did _____. Their master didn't _____. (Gen. 40:1)
- 2 What did Pharaoh do to punish these two officials? Pharaoh put them in the _____ where _____ was kept. (Gen. 40:3)
- 3 Who took care of these two men? Why? _____ took care of these two men, because the _____ of the palace guard had put Joseph in _____ of them. (Gen. 40:4)
- 4 While in prison, what did each of these two men have? These two men each had a _____. (Gen. 40:5)
- 5 Did the two men have their dreams the same night? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 40:5)
- 6 Were their two dreams the same? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 40:5)
- 7 What was the response of these men to their dreams? Why? They were _____, because _____ one could tell them what their dreams _____. (Gen. 40:6–8)
- 8 Did Joseph notice that these two men were sad? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 40:6)
- 9 Did Joseph care enough about these two men to ask why they were sad? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 40:7)
- 10 Who alone knows what dreams mean? Only _____ knows what dreams mean. (Gen. 40:8)
- 11 Which man was the first to tell Joseph his dream? The chief _____ _____ was the first of the two men to tell Joseph his dream. (Gen. 40:9)
- 12 What was the chief wine taster's dream? The chief wine taster, in his dream, saw a _____ in _____ of him with _____ branches. As soon as the vine budded, it _____, and bunches of ripe _____ grew on it. Pharaoh's _____ was in the chief wine taster's hand. The chief wine taster _____ the grapes, _____ them into Pharaoh's cup, and then _____ the cup in Pharaoh's hand. (Gen. 40:9–11)
- 13 What did the chief wine taster's dream mean? The chief wine taster's dream meant that in three

_____, Pharaoh would let the chief wine taster _____ of prison and give him his _____ back. Then the chief wine taster would _____ Pharaoh's cup in Pharaoh's hand. (Gen. 40:12–13)

- 14 What favour did Joseph ask the chief wine taster to do for him? Joseph asked the chief wine taster, when everything was going _____ with him, to _____ to Pharaoh so that Joseph could get out of _____ too. (Gen. 40:14)
- 15 What reasons did Joseph give the chief wine taster as to why Joseph should be let out of prison? Joseph explained to the chief wine taster that he should be let out of prison because he had been taken _____ from the land of the Hebrews (Canaan) by _____ and, even in Egypt, hadn't done _____ to be put in prison for. (Gen. 40:15)
- 16 The chief baker was now *eager* to hear the meaning of his dream. Why? The chief baker was eager to hear the meaning of his dream because he saw that Joseph had given a _____ meaning to the wine taster's dream and was **h**_____ (another word for "wishing") for the same thing for himself. (Gen. 40:16)
- 17 What was the chief baker's dream? The chief baker, in his dream, had _____ baskets of _____ on his _____. All _____ of baked goods for _____ were in the _____ basket, but the _____ were _____ them out of the basket. (Gen. 40:16–17)
- 18 What did the chief baker's dream mean? The chief baker's dream meant that in _____ days, _____ would _____ the chief baker's _____ off and stick a _____ through the chief baker's body. Pharaoh would then set the pole up, and _____ would eat the chief baker's flesh. (Gen. 40:18–19)
- 19 Whose birthday was it in three days? In three days, it was _____ birthday. (Gen. 40:20)
- 20 What did Pharaoh do for his birthday? He prepared a _____ for _____ his _____. (Gen. 40:20)



What a surprise the party must have been for Pharaoh!

- 21 What else did Pharaoh do on his birthday? Pharaoh brought the chief _____ taster and the chief _____ out of prison in _____ of his officials. Then Pharaoh _____ the chief wine taster his job back, but had the chief baker killed and a pole _____ through his body. (Gen. 40:20–22)

- 22 Did everything happen exactly the way God, through Joseph, had said it would? (Yes/No) _____.
(Gen. 40:22)
- 23 Did the chief wine taster remember Joseph? (Yes/No) _____. He _____ all about Joseph.
(Gen. 40:23)

Proverbs 19:21

A person may have many plans in their heart. But the Lord's purpose wins out in the end.

- 24 What is something that probably comforted Joseph during his years as a slave and as a prisoner? The two **d**_____ God gave Joseph just before he was sold by his brothers probably comforted Joseph and gave him hope during those difficult years.
- 25 What comforts us today and gives us hope no matter what problems in life we are facing? The **W**_____ of **G**_____ gives us comfort and hope.

2 Timothy 4:18b

He [the Lord] will bring me safely to His Heavenly Kingdom. Give Him glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- 26 What hope do you have in Christ Jesus? In Christ Jesus, I have the hope of the Lord bringing me safely to His _____.

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?
