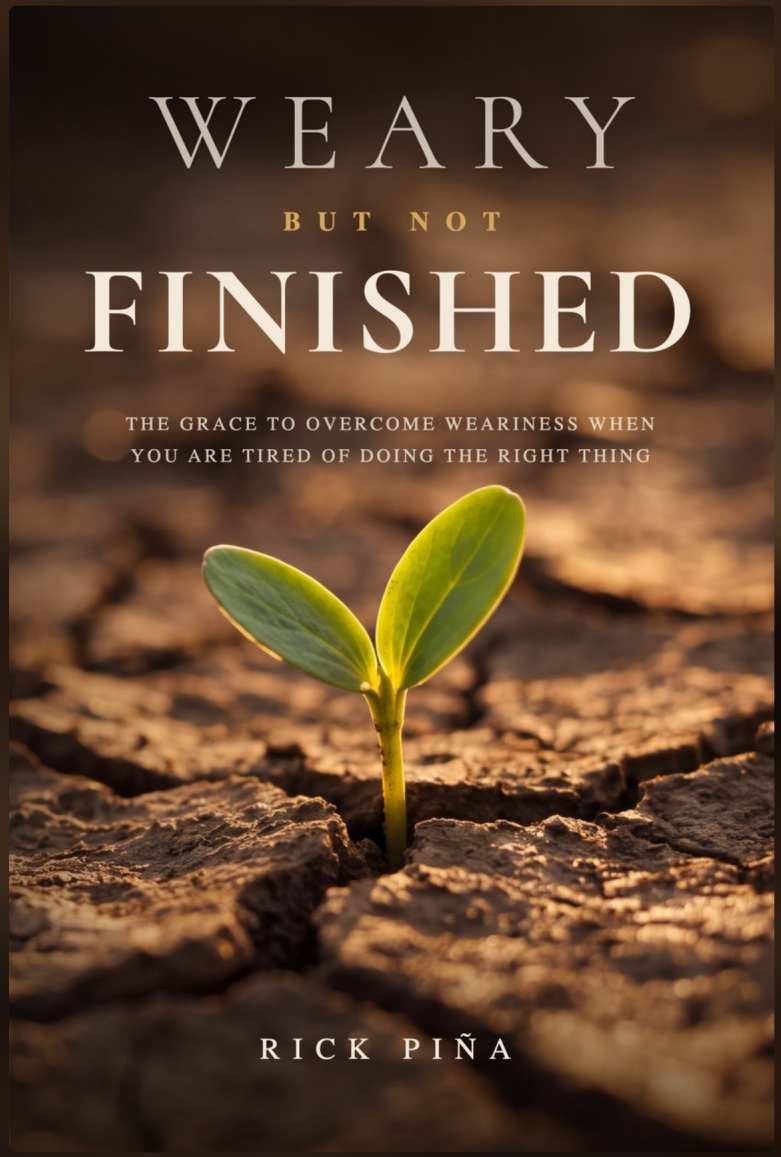
SMALL GROUP · WEEK 2 OF 5

WEARY BUT NOT FINISHED

Tonight: They Never Quit.
Joseph and David

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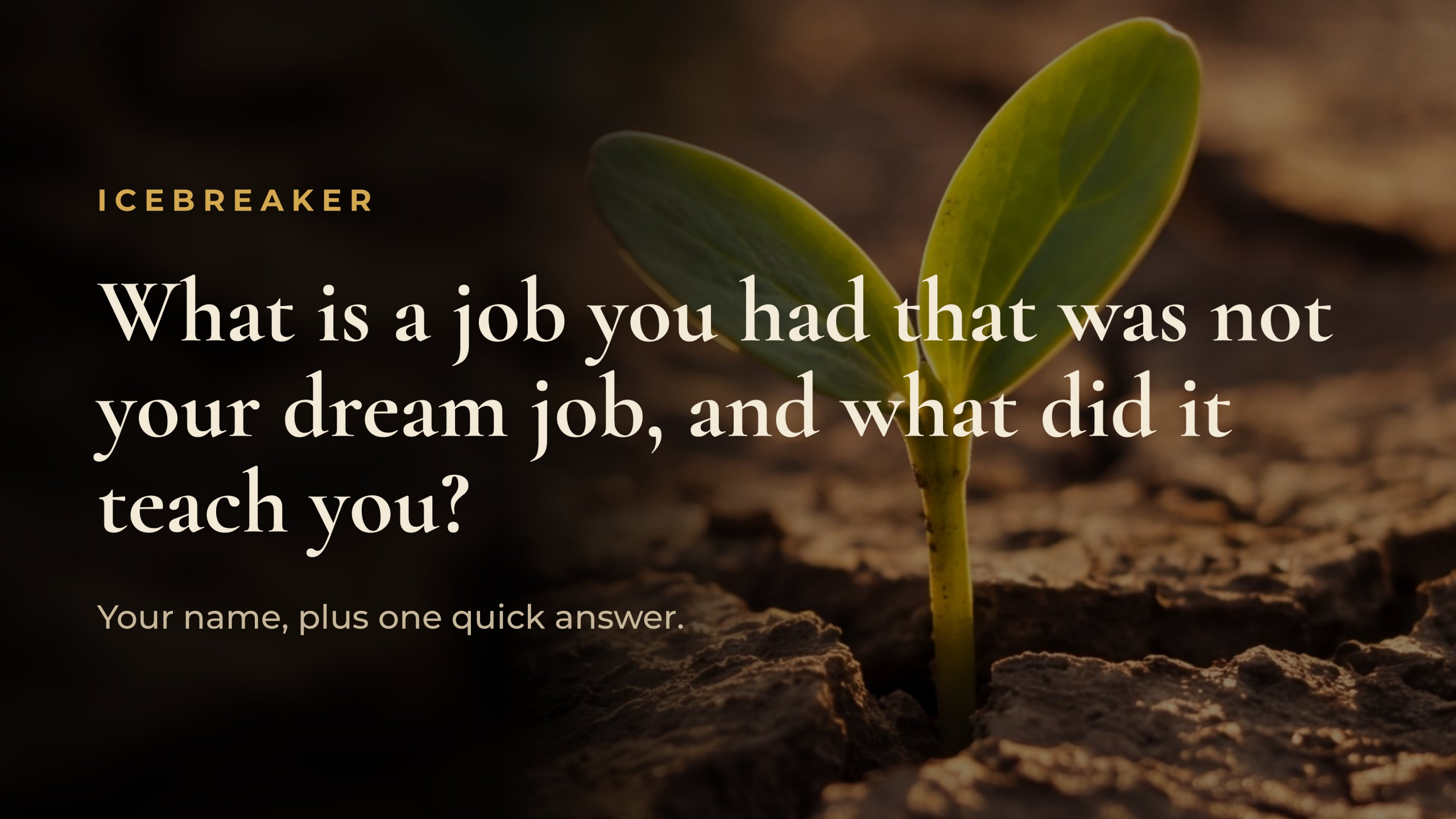
Welcome back.
Where did you put the word?

Last week: weariness is not after your rest. **It is after your harvest.**

Tonight: two men who walked the gap in real life.

Our Five Weeks

1	What Weariness Is Really After	Done
2	**They Never Quit: Joseph and David**	**TONIGHT**
3	Grace for the Heart That Hoped Too Long	Ch 4 & 5
4	Keep Doing Good Until the Door Opens	Ch 6 & 7
5	Finish Strong: Declare It and Live It	Appendix A



ICEBREAKER

What is a job you had that was not your dream job, and what did it teach you?

Your name, plus one quick answer.



THE VERSE THIS SERIES STANDS ON

"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."

GALATIANS 6:9-10 (NRSV)

13

YEARS

from the dream at 17 to the palace at 30

CHAPTER 2

Joseph Never Quit

Faithfulness in the wrong situation prepares you for the right one.

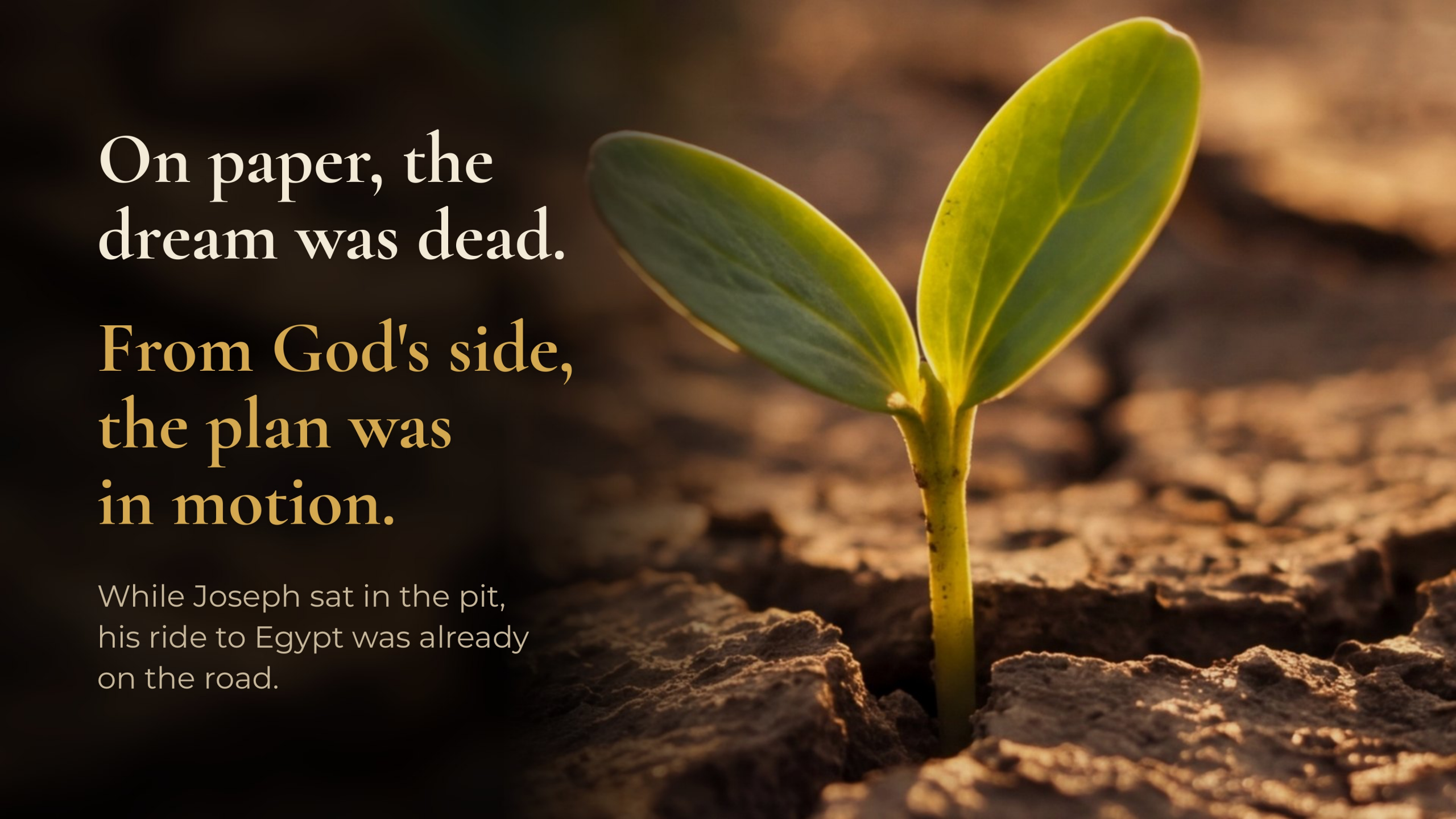
THE DREAM · GENESIS 37

The Destination Without the Directions

God gave Joseph a field full of bowing sheaves and left out the pit, the slave block, the lie, and the prison. **The mystery is not a malfunction; it is the design.**

TWO DREAMS, ONE MESSAGE

When God repeats Himself, He is not stuttering. He is sealing!



On paper, the dream was dead.

From God's side, the plan was in motion.

While Joseph sat in the pit, his ride to Egypt was already on the road.

POTIPHAR'S HOUSE AND THE PRISON · GENESIS 39

The Lord Was With Joseph

In the pit	In the caravan	In Potiphar's house	In the prison

Different building. Same presence. **They can take your coat, but they cannot take your calling.**

TABLE TALK

Which "wrong room" are you sitting in right now? What would faithful look like there?

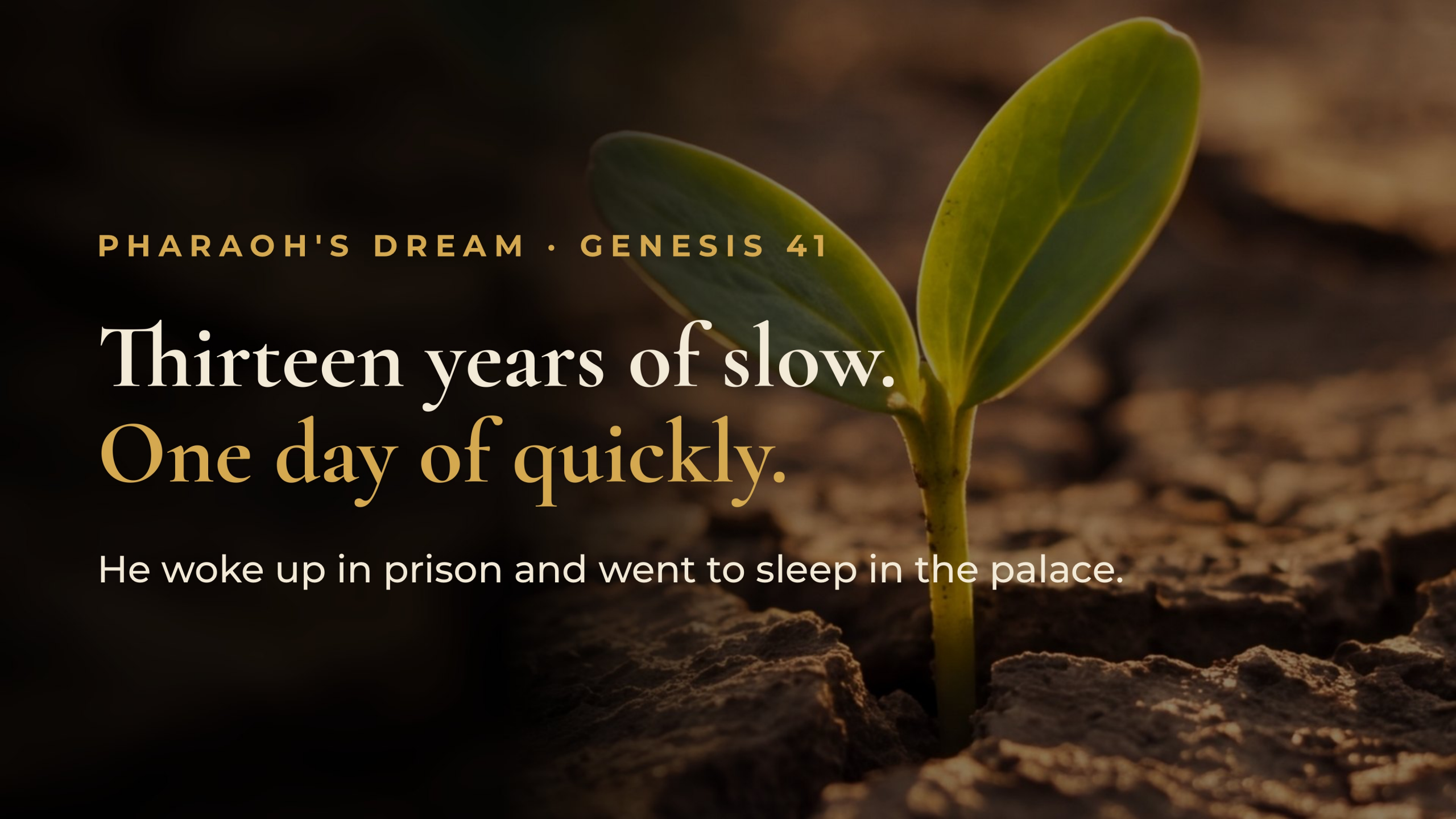
THE FORGOTTEN MAN · GENESIS 40

When People Forget, God Does Not

"Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him." Two more years. **Nobody else's forgetting cancels what God remembered about you.**

TABLE TALK

Where has a "butler" forgotten you? What would it look like to stop expecting butlers and start expecting God?


PHARAOH'S DREAM · GENESIS 41
Thirteen years of slow.
One day of quickly.
He woke up in prison and went to sleep in the palace.

WHEN THE BROTHERS BOWED · GENESIS 42 AND 50

The Dream Was About a Rescue

"You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." Genesis 50:20

TABLE TALK

Who will be blessed when your promise comes to pass?

20

YEARS

from the oil on his head to the throne of all Israel

CHAPTER 3

David Never Quit

If Joseph's story is about faithfulness in the wrong rooms, David's story is about worship in the wrong seasons.

Two Men, One Pattern

	Joseph	David
Age when God spoke	17	about 17
Age when the first door opened	30	30
The hard stretch	13 years	13 years
Word to full promise	22 years	20½ years

God showed both of them the end. **He never gave them the details.**

THE CAVES · 1 SAMUEL 22, PSALM 57

Worship in the Dark

"My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise. I will awaken the dawn." Psalm 57:7-8

TABLE TALK

Where is your "cave" right now, and how are you worshiping in it?

EN GEDI · 1 SAMUEL 24 AND 26

Refuse the Shortcut

The Shortcut

Saul alone in the cave. The sword in hand. "God has handed this to you."

David's Answer

Two clear chances. Two clear refusals. **The throne the right way, or not at all.**

The right thing at the wrong time is still the wrong thing.

ZIKLAG · 1 SAMUEL 30

Everything was gone.

"But David encouraged himself in the LORD his God."

1 Samuel 30:6 (KJV). And David recovered all.



Due Season Can Come in Stages

1

Anointed

About 17, Bethlehem. Back to the sheep.

2

King of Judah

Age 30, Hebron. Seven and a half years.

3

All Israel

The full throne. The complete word.

Do not miss the first harvest because you are still waiting for the full one.

Where This Lands With You

Your gap has a purpose

God was building the man.

Faithful in the wrong rooms

Grace used every room.

Protect your heart

Keep asking about other people's pain.

Worship in the dark

Waiting time with God is never wasted.

Refuse the shortcut

Let God give what God promised.

Encourage yourself

Learn it now, before you need it.

Let's Talk

1. Joseph's story or David's: which one feels more like your life right now? Why?

2. Has the enemy offered you a shortcut recently? What would refusing it look like?

3. If you had to encourage yourself in the Lord today, what promise would you speak out loud?

This Week

Own Your Room

Do one thing with excellence in the place that does not match the dream.

Encourage Yourself

Read your written word out loud every morning, with Galatians 6:9.

Read Ahead

Chapters 4 and 5: the grace to heal a sick heart and to keep believing.

DECLARATION OF FAITH · JOSEPH

You were with me in the pit, You are with me in the process, and You will be with me in the palace.

I refuse to wait until the situation matches the dream to be faithful. I will be faithful in the wrong room, and I will let You prepare me for the right one.

I declare that when people forget me, heaven still remembers. Delays are not denials. I am Joseph in the middle of my 13 years, and I will not quit before the palace!

DECLARATION OF FAITH · DAVID

I refuse every shortcut. I will not stretch out my hand to take what You promised to give. I will wait on You, and I will wait well.

I choose worship in the dark. I will awaken the dawn with praise. When nobody is around to encourage me, I will encourage myself in You.

Nothing the enemy has stolen from me is final. I will pursue, and I will recover all! I declare this by faith. In Jesus' name. Amen!

LET'S PRAY

They never quit. Neither will you.

Next week: Grace for the Heart That Hoped Too Long.

