

## RCMI L-Path Teaching

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(English)

**TITLE:** WHEN THE WAIT IS NOT OVER

**TEXT:** Genesis 40:1-8, 14, 23

**BIG IDEA:** In your season of waiting you need to be faithful where you are, be available when called and be hopeful in God alone.

**INTRO:** “Don’t underestimate what God is doing in your season of waiting.” -Anonymous

- Are you willing to wait for the Lord?
- When Joseph had been imprisoned, he didn’t have any “inside knowledge on how and when he will be freed.
- *Waiting is perhaps the hardest discipline of the Christian life.*
- “God permitted Joseph to be treated unjustly and put in prison to help build his character and prepare him for the tasks that lay ahead. The prison would be a school where Joseph would learn to wait on the Lord . . . He would learn that God’s delays are not God’s denials”- Warren Wiersbe [Be Authentic, p.111].

**What can you do during your waiting season?**

### I. BE FAITHFUL WHERE YOU ARE

[Maging Matapat Kung Saan Nasaan Ka] [vv.1-4]

- Your everyday life, including even the tiniest things that make up the routine of life are the seeds of your future. [Eccl. 9:10]
- Since Joseph is faithful to his duty; he didn’t neglect his responsibility when the two men entered prison. Little did he know that by taking care of them, he was advancing the cause of his own freedom.
- “Being faithful in the smallest of things will enable us to gain both experience and strength to accomplish something great.” -Reggie Castaneda

### II. BE AVAILABLE WHEN CALLED.

[Maging Handa Kapag Tinawag] [vv.5-8]

- *Joseph’s willingness to interpret their dreams means that he has not yet given up on his own dreams.* Even though many years have passed and he has endured many pains of rejection, of bondage, of false accusation and of imprisonment, deep down inside he still believes that the day will come when God will fulfil these dreams to come true.
- Joseph saw God’s hand everywhere. He had a big God, and therefore he knew that being in prison was no hindrance to the Almighty. *Prison doors can never keep him out.*

### III. BE HOPEFUL IN GOD ALONE

[Umasa Lamang Sa Diyos] [vv.14, 23]

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- This is the reality, Joseph is faithful and willing to serve God wherever he is. On the other hand, he did not want to stay in prison for life.
- It's as if he's saying, "I'm here now but I won't stay here for the rest of my life." "I accept where I am for this moment, but I hope to be released eventually."
- And since we will not stay here forever, we might as well make the most out of it.
- Joseph learned to trust in the Lord. [v.23]
- This is probably why God is waiting for you to learn to trust Him.
- "Put your hope in God alone for He is the Faithful Promise Keeper." -Reggie Castaneda

### WE: CHALLENGE: God Never Hurries

- Joseph's experience in prison reminds us that God has a different time clock than we do. He is **"from everlasting to everlasting"** (Psalm 90: 2). And **"with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day"** (2 Peter 3: 8).
- *In your season of waiting you need to be faithful where you are, be available when called and be hopeful in God alone.*

### DISCUSSION:

- What did you learn from what we discussed today?
- How can you apply it during your waiting period? Share also what you are waiting for.

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