

January 27 Answers

- 1) After almost a **decade** of hard work and loyal service to Potiphar, Joseph was falsely accused and thrown into prison. This means that we can be in the **center** of God's will, doing God's **work**, and still be treated unjustly and unfairly by the people we're serving. To add insult to injury, when Joseph showed kindness to the baker and cupbearer, the cupbearer "did not remember Joseph, but **forgot** him." (Gen 40:23). Yet Joseph maintained a good **attitude** and a submissive spirit, and because of that God blessed him and made him prosper. After **two** years in prison, with no end in sight, God sovereignly acted to elevate Joseph to second in power under Pharaoh (from slave to vizier in **13** years). God truly is with those who **wait** patiently on Him! During the seven years of plenty, Joseph had two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim: 'God has made me **forget**' and 'God has made me **fruitful**.' What a beautiful testament to God's power to restore and refresh!