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Series - Worst Thing, Best Thing

Text - Genesis 40:1-23

Main point - "Some time" is meant to be "refine time"

Potential Discussion Questions

- Facilitators: When we preach each week, we do so with confidence that God's Word will impact and change lives (Isaiah 55:11). We don't want to rehash the sermon but allow those impacted to share. Therefore it is important to allow time for this question at the beginning: What impacted you the most from the sermon?
- Many Christians are familiar with famous Old Testament stories like this. But few Christians see the amazing ways that these stories point to Jesus. So you might consider reading the passage and asking the question, "How does this point us to Jesus?"
- If you want to facilitate from an exegetical angle, consider these questions:
 - Read Genesis 40:1-8. How do you see the character of Jesus reflected in Joseph here? Followup question: Where do *you* have an opportunity to serve others by entering into their sorrows?
 - Read Genesis 40:9-19. How do you see the character of Jesus reflected in Joseph here? Followup question: Where do *you* have an opportunity to serve others by speaking the truth (when it's good news and when it's bad news)?
 - Read Genesis 40:20-22. How do you see the character of Jesus reflected in Joseph here? Followup question: Where do *you* have an opportunity to serve others by waiting on the Lord instead of getting angry?
- If you want to take a more general approach, consider these questions:
 - Where do you feel like you've been forgotten?
 - How is God's refining meant to shape your character?
 - How is God's refining ultimately meant to bless the nations?
- Question just for fun: What did you think of Mark's statement, "We pursue intentional gospel parenting to equip the next generation to display Christ's glory among the nations"?

Next Sunday's Sermon Passage Genesis 41:1-57