

Providence = "... the act of providing and preparing for future use or application; foresight, timely care, and procurement of what is necessary for the future. In theology, the care and superintendence which God exercises over His creatures."

—Noah Webster, 1828

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<sup>21</sup>But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. <sup>22</sup>And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it.

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<sup>23</sup>The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed. —Genesis 39:21-23 ESV

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Don't Demand to Understand

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Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. —1 Peter 4:19 ESV

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Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of His Servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

—Isaiah 50:10 ESV

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## Don't Overlook Opportunity

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And Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me." —Genesis 40:8b ESV

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<sup>14</sup>"Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. <sup>15</sup>For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit."

—Genesis 40:14-15 ESV

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Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

—Genesis 40:23 ESV

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## Don't Push Providence

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<sup>8</sup>For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

—Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV

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Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. —Genesis 41:14 ESV

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Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer."  
—Genesis 41:16 ESV

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"Every experience God gave us, every person He put in our lives, is the perfect preparation for the future only He can see."  
—Corrie Ten Boom

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<sup>38</sup>And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?" <sup>39</sup>Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are."

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<sup>40</sup>You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you." <sup>41</sup>And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."

—Genesis 41:38-41 ESV

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"There is no pit so deep,  
that God's love is not deeper still."  
—Corrie Ten Boom

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