Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding..
-Proverb 3:5

Genesis – 40

In this chapter we find Joseph in prison and firmly aware of the injustice of his circumstances (sold into slavery by his family then dealt with false allegations from his employer's promiscuous wife). Though he wanted to be out of that prison badly, he continued to keep his faith in God instead of backsliding and becoming bitter about his circumstances. The evidence for this is that Joseph continued to proactively use the gifts of: discernment, interpretations of dreams, wisdom, and favor God gave him while God worked out His plan for his life. He was confident in what God had gifted him with and used it boldly to the glory of God. He remained faithfully productive by using his gifts to serve others even in the midst of adversity and in a place he clearly did not want to be in. God had plans to free him at the perfect time - the time he had been separated and specifically called for.

Notice that Joseph did not lose heart in his situation but believed God could use him to interpret dreams, he was so confident God was able to interpret dreams that he didn't hesitate to send a clemency message to the king with the chief butler whom God had told him would live and be restored. Joseph considered what God had revealed to him as a done deal and didn't even hesitate to leverage a future event that he knew would definitely happen within three days! Conversely, he didn't even bother to send a message with the chief baker whom he knew would die on that same day as the Lord had told him. Wisely, Joseph did not send a message with a man already condemned and whom the king would find no favor in. Joseph trusted in God's Word wholeheartedly.

Oddly however, even though Joseph appears to be confident in God and His abilities, it seems as though he was putting his trust in man for help with his situation by his plea to be remembered - unfortunately the chief butler forgot about him for two years but God remembered him and eventually put Joseph's plea in the heart of the chief butler to continue building out the plan He had for his life. A plan that called for young Joseph to use his gift of interpreting dreams to counsel a king and save many nations.

In times of injustice and adversity it is a natural tendency to want justice, vindication, and an end to our adversity immediately. Trials like these have broken the best of men, even Joseph sought help from man rather than to plead solely to Sovereign God for his freedom, vindication, and comfort. Yet God, who is on The Throne and rich in mercy, still helped Joseph at an opportune time of His choosing in spite of his lapse in patience. Pleading to man for immediate help is futile as seen in this story. Trusting in God alone is never without blessing.

Who do you trust today?

-Anonymous