



More to Come

NIV Genesis 41:14 So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh.

One of the lessons I learned as a child was “Christmas wasn’t over ‘till Dad said it was over.” Tearing through the presents my brothers and I knew there was more to come. My father seemed to always keep a present or two hidden away for the end. I like to keep that tradition alive for my family as well. It’s a good way to remind us of all of the great blessings the Lord has given to us in the past, is granting us in the present and still has more to come

for us in the future. Joseph learned of the Lord’s faithfulness to him over time. Joseph went through many ups and downs in his life, yet the Lord made good on his promise to watch over him. Now the Lord didn’t have him open up all his presents at once. He had to wait, opening them up one by one throughout his entire life. When he was thrown into the cistern, he was sold into slavery in Egypt, narrowly escaping the hands of his brothers. When he was a slave in Potiphar’s house, he was falsely accused of rape and sentenced to jail, where the Lord used a cup bearer to spring him from jail and gain an audience with the Pharaoh. The Pharaoh of Egypt was given dreams by the Lord which no one could interpret – no one that is except Joseph who was then promoted to second in command over all of Egypt. Remember though that Joseph didn’t know about all these presents. He spent his life waiting. Waiting for more to come, Joseph obtained the biggest present – God saved the best for last, in eternal life, in paradise for him.

Grumbling and complaining about our present lot in life comes naturally to us. Our hearts are inclined to sin against God’s will, God’s purpose and God’s promises to us. We can’t stop our sinful nature from being unhappy and discontent. But we can fight to control those thoughts and feelings by remembering the great blessings the Lord has given to us, is giving to us and will give to us in heaven – saving the best for last for us. Remember Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins, and the last and greatest present the Lord has stashed away for you. Remembering there’s more to come will give you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving!