

## **Hope in the Waiting: Seeing Your Story Through Heaven's Lens**

*Genesis* begins with a God who creates light in darkness, brings order out of chaos, and speaks life where there was nothing. From the first chapter we learn: what looks empty is not beyond His voice. What feels broken is not beyond His hands. What seems ruined is not beyond redemption.

Every woman has a chapter she didn't choose  
a loss,  
a heartbreak,  
a season that split life into "before" and "after."

If you are in one of those chapters, hear this: you are not forgotten. You are deeply loved.

I know that kind of chapter. When I lost my husband, grief was not theoretical. It was hospital rooms, whispered prayers through tears, long nights, and answers that came differently than I hoped. I cried, "God... what are You doing?"

Joseph's story steadies me. Betrayed, abandoned, imprisoned, forgotten, yet Scripture repeats: the Lord was with Joseph.

God never left him in the pit.  
God never abandoned him in the prison.

What looked like devastation was preparation.  
What felt like delay was development.

God was turning pain into purpose and positioning Joseph to save many lives. And what the enemy meant for evil, God turned for good.

We may not save nations, but He redeems our suffering, using what tried to break us to bless others. Our pain becomes compassion. Our waiting becomes wisdom. Our story becomes impact.

Victory is not the absence of sorrow. It is the presence of a loving God holding you; writing something beautiful even now.

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