

A photograph of wooden blocks arranged to spell out the phrase "DON'T SETTLE". The top row consists of four blocks with the letters "D", "O", "N'", and "T" in red. The bottom row consists of six blocks with the letters "S", "E", "T", "T", "L", and "E" in black. The blocks are set against a background of a rough stone wall and rest on a light-colored wooden plank surface.

**D O N' T**  
**S E T T L E**

**ANGER VS. FORGIVENESS**

# ADVERSITY

D O N ' T  
S E T T L E

# YOUR **SUPERPOWER**

An innate **ability**  
that **empowers** you  
to be **better** for anything that  
**comes** your way in the **future**  
or **has come** your way in the **past**.

**D O N' T**  
**S E T T L E**

# YOUR **SUPERPOWER**

Your **respond**-ability.

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This response is **not natural**.

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This response is **course-reversing**.

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Never underestimate the power  
of a **faith-filled** measured **response**.

**D O N' T**  
**S E T T L E**

# **DIVINE PAUSE**

D O N ' T  
S E T T L E

# JOSEPH JACOBSON

Kidnapped **once**

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Sold **twice**

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Framed

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**Imprisoned**

D O N ' T  
S E T T L E

*Joseph's master took him and put him in **prison**,  
the **place** where the king's prisoners were **confined**.  
But while Joseph was there **in the prison**,  
the **Lord** was **with him**;  
he showed him **kindness** (loving kindness)  
and granted him **favor**  
in the eyes of the prison warden.*

Genesis 39: 20-21 NIV

D O N ' T  
S E T T L E

*The captain of the guard **assigned** them  
to Joseph, and he **attended** them.  
After they had been in custody  
for **some time**, each of the two men –  
the **cupbearer** (butler) and the **baker** ...  
had a **dream** the same night  
and **each** dream had a **meaning** of its own.*

Genesis 40: 4-5 NIV





*“Why do you look so **sad** today?”*

*“We **both** had **dreams**,” they answered,  
“but there is **no one** to **interpret**.”*

*Then Joseph said to them,*

*“Do not **interpretations** belong to **God**?  
Tell me your dreams.”*

Genesis 40: 7b-8 NIV



*So the chief **cupbearer** told Joseph his dream. He said to him, "In my **dream** I saw a **vine** in front of me, and on the vine were three **branches**. ..."*

*"This is what it **means**," Joseph said to him.*

*"The three **branches** are three **days**.*

*Within three days Pharaoh will **lift up** your head and **restore** you to your **position**, ..."*

Genesis 40: 9-10a, 12-13a NIV



*“But when it goes well with you,  
remember me  
and show me kindness;  
mention me to Pharaoh  
and get me out of this prison.  
I was forcibly carried off  
from the land of the Hebrews and even here  
I have done nothing to deserve  
being put in a dungeon.”*

Genesis 40: 14-15 NIV



When the *chief baker* saw that Joseph had given a favorable interpretation, he said to Joseph,

*"I too had a dream:*

*On my head were three baskets of bread. ..."*

*"This is what it means," Joseph said.*

*"The three baskets are three days.*

*Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head and impale your body on a pole.*

*And the birds will eat away your flesh."*

Genesis 40: 16, 18-19 NIV



Now the *third* day was Pharaoh's *birthday*,  
and he gave a feast for all his officials.  
He *lifted up* the heads  
of the chief cupbearer and the chief baker. ...  
He *restored* the chief *cupbearer* to his position, ...  
- but he *impaled* the chief *baker*,  
*just as* Joseph said to them in his *interpretation*.  
The chief cupbearer, however,  
did *not remember* Joseph; he *forgot* him.

Genesis 40: 20-23 NIV



When *two full years* had passed  
Pharaoh had a *dream* ... woke up ...  
fell asleep again and had a *second dream*: ...  
Pharaoh said to Joseph,  
"I had a dream, and *no one* can *interpret* it.  
But I have *heard* it said of you  
that when you hear a dream you can interpret it"  
"I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh,  
"but *God will* give Pharaoh the *answer* he desires."

Genesis 41: 1a, 7b, 15-16 NIV



*“... **God** has shown **Pharaoh** what he is about to do.  
**Seven** years of great **abundance**  
are coming throughout the land of Egypt,  
but **seven** years of **famine** will follow them.  
Then Pharaoh said to Joseph,  
“Since **God** has made all this **known to you**,  
there is no one so **discerning** and **wise** as you.  
Only with respect to the throne  
will I be greater than you.”*

Genesis 41: 28b-30a, 39-40 NIV



*Joseph was **thirty years** old  
when he entered the service of Pharaoh ...  
Joseph stored up **huge quantities** of grain,  
like the sand of the sea;  
it was **so much** that he stopped keeping records  
because it was **beyond measure**. ...  
The **seven** years of **abundance** came to an end,  
and the **seven** years of **famine** began,  
**just as** Joseph had said."*

Genesis 41: 46, 49, 53-54 NIV





*When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt,  
he said to his sons (eleven),  
“Why do you just **keep looking** at each other?” ...  
Now Joseph was the governor of the land,  
the person who sold grain to all its people,  
So when Joseph’s **brothers** (eleven) arrived,  
they **bowed down** to him with their **faces** to the **ground**.  
As soon as Joseph **saw** his brothers,  
he **recognized** them,  
but he pretended to be a stranger ...*

Genesis 42: 1, 6-7a NIV



*"I am **Joseph!***

*Is my **father** still alive?"*

*But his brothers were **not able** to **answer** him,  
because they were **terrified** at his presence.*

*"Come **close** to me."*

*When they had done so, he said,*

*"I am your **brother** Joseph, the one you **sold** into Egypt!"*

*And now, do **not be distressed** and do **not be angry**  
with **yourselves** for selling me here,  
because it was to **save lives** God **sent me** ahead of you."*

Genesis 45: 3-5 NIV



*His brothers then came and **threw** themselves **down** before him. "We are your **slaves**," they said.*

*But Joseph said to them,  
"Don't be **afraid**. Am I in the **place** of **God**?  
**You** intended to **harm** me,  
but **God** intended it for **good**  
to **accomplish** what is now being done  
the **saving** of many **lives**."*

Genesis 50: 18-20 NIV



*Joseph responded  
as if God was with him  
when it looked as if  
God had abandoned him.*

D O N' T  
S E T T L E

*How would someone  
in **your** circumstances  
**respond**  
if they were **confident**  
God was **with them**?*

D O N ' T  
S E T T L E

*Is there anything  
you are **doing now**  
or have **been doing**  
for a long time  
that you would **respond** differently to  
if you were **confident**  
God was **with you**?*

D O N ' T  
S E T T L E

**LET GO AND LET GOD!**

D O N' T  
S E T T L E

*Get rid of all **bitterness**, **rage** and **anger**,  
**brawling** (fighting) and **slander** (damage)  
along with every form of **malice** (ill will).  
Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
**forgiving** each other,  
**just as in Christ (Jesus)**  
God **forgave** you.*

Ephesians 4: 31-32

