

Life's Tough

# God's Timing

- Radio show caller: Praying through suffering – why does it take so long for a person to be healed and people suffer
- Genesis 39:20-23

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So he put Joseph in prison. It was the place where the king's prisoners were kept. While Joseph was there in the prison, **the Lord was with him**. He was kind to him. So the man who was running the prison was pleased with Joseph. He put Joseph in charge of all of the prisoners. He made him accountable for everything that was done there. The man who ran the prison didn't pay attention to anything that was in Joseph's care. The Lord was with Joseph. He gave Joseph success in everything he did.

# Don't Demand to Understand

- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Isaiah 50:10
- Isaiah 55:8-9

# Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.  
Do not depend on your own understanding.  
In all your ways remember him.

# Isaiah 50:10

Does anyone among you have respect for the Lord?

Does anyone obey the message of the Lord's servant?

Let the person who walks in the dark trust in the Lord. Let the one who doesn't have any light to guide him depend on his God.

## Isaiah 55:8-9

My thoughts are not like your thoughts.  
And your ways are not like my ways,"  
announces the Lord. "The heavens are higher  
than the earth. And my ways are higher than  
your ways. My thoughts are higher than your  
thoughts."

# Don't Fail to be Faithful

- Genesis 39:2, 21, 23

And the Lord was with Joseph...



# Don't Bow to Bitterness

- Genesis 40:14-15
- 1 Peter 2:20

# Genesis 40:14-15

"But when everything is going well with you, remember me. Do me a favor. Speak to Pharaoh about me. Get me out of this prison. I was taken away from the land of the Hebrews by force. Even here I haven't done anything to be put in prison for."

# Don't think God's Timing is your Timing

- Genesis 40:23, 41:46
- Psalm 37:5-9
- 1 Peter 5:6

# Psalm 37:5-9

Commit your life to the Lord.  
Here is what he will do if you trust in him.

He will make your godly ways shine like the dawn.  
He will make your honest life shine like the sun at noon.

Be still. Be patient. Wait for the Lord to act.  
Don't be upset when other people succeed.  
Don't be upset when they carry out their evil plans.

Keep from being angry. Turn away from anger.  
Don't be upset. That only leads to evil.

Sinful people will be cut off from the land.  
But it will be given to those who put their hope in the Lord.

# 1 Peter 5:6

So don't be proud. Put yourselves under God's mighty hand. Then he will honor you at the right time.

- God has his schedule

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