

“HEROES OF FAITH: JOSEPH”

JOSEPH IN PRISON (Genesis 39:20 - 41:14)

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CHALLENGES STRENGTHEN MY FAITH IN GOD IF I...

1. TURN TO GOD DURING MY CHALLENGE.

So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained. (Genesis 39:20)

MY FAITH GROWS STRONGER WHEN I TURN TO GOD DURING MY PROBLEMS.

2. SERVE OTHERS WHEN I GET STUCK.

When Joseph saw them the next morning, he noticed that they both looked upset. “Why do you look so worried today?” he asked them. And they replied, “We both had dreams last night, but no one can tell us what they mean.” “Interpreting dreams is God’s business,” Joseph replied. “Go ahead and tell me your dreams.” (Genesis 40:6-8)

Those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. (Proverbs 11:25)

3. DON'T BECOME BITTER WHEN DISAPPOINTED.

And please remember me and do me a favor when things go well for you. Mention me to Pharaoh, so he might let me out of this place. For I was kidnapped from my homeland, the land of the Hebrews, and now I'm here in prison, but I did nothing to deserve it. (Genesis 40:14-15)

Pharaoh's chief cup-bearer, however, forgot all about Joseph, never giving him another thought. (Genesis 40:23)

4. TRUST GOD IS WITH ME WHEN I FEEL FORGOTTEN.

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Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. (Hebrews 11:1)

5. KEEP AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE WHEN I FEEL LIKE GIVING UP.

Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I hereby put you in charge of the entire land of Egypt.” (Genesis 41:41)

Memory Verse:

For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

(2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

GOING DEEPER

1. How do I typically respond when I have challenges in my life?
2. What area in my life do I need to trust God to help me overcome the challenges I am facing?
3. What changes do I need to make to engage my faith/trust in God?