

Genesis 37 - 41:44 - Bible Study

The account of Joseph in Genesis is one example of many in the Bible of believers being tested. As you read about Joseph's test, notice the verses where Joseph was serving in distinction & where he was placed in areas of responsibility. How do you think his actions and/or attitudes attributed to his situation? Where did Joseph place his faith? Where do you see God's law of reaping and sowing in the account of Joseph?

The book, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People" has continued to sell since it was written over 34 years ago. But, we have grappled with this question for thousands of years. The pat answers, "everything happens for a reason" or "it was just meant to be" don't seem to settle it for us. Does God provide trials to test us? Or are all trials from the pits of hell? How do we, as Christians, respond to someone going through trials? How do we want others to respond to us when we are going through a time of tribulation? How does what we believe affect our response to trials?

Read Romans 5:1-5. What is the purpose of trials? What promises do you see provided in these verses? What does James say the testing of your faith produces in verses 2 & 3 of Chapter 1? How do you think the testing of your faith is important for eternity? How is it beneficial for our living in this world?

Read on to Romans 8:17-39. What provisions does God provide when we walk closely with Him?

Paul desires to testify to the gospel of grace of God in Acts 20:24. What does that mean to you? In what areas can you testify to the hand of God working in a testing situation? How do trials help you to witness to others? How is the building of your faith important to others' hope?

Jesus' words in John 16:33 tell us that we will have tribulations in this world. So, it seems that we should not spend so much time and energy on the Why? but on the What? will be my response to this trial. How can you prepare yourself?

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The Prison Test

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Genesis 39:11 - 40:1-23

We can go to prison even when God is with us.

Mt 5:45

Prison is another opportunity to give light.

Mt 5:16

Romans 5:1-5

Prison produces perseverance.

James 1:2-4

Perseverance produces character.

Heb 12:10

Character produces hope.

Hab 3:17-19

Hope produces appointments.

Jer 17:7-8