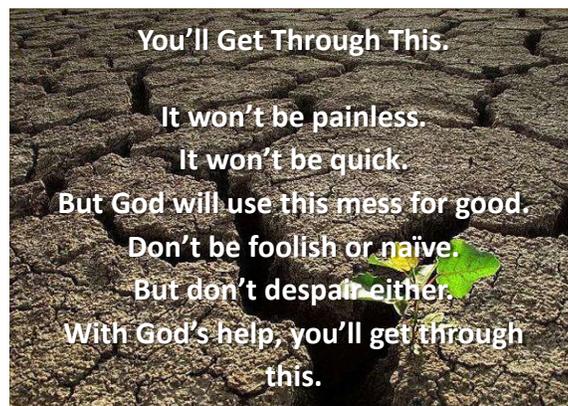


Down and Out But Never Alone

Gen 39:1-6

Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there. 2 **The Lord was with Joseph**, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian. 3 **Now his master saw that the Lord was with him** and how the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hand. 4 So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge. 5 It came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house and over all that he owned, **the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph**; thus the Lord's blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field. 6 So he left everything he owned in Joseph's charge; and with him there he did not concern himself with anything except the food which he ate.

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
(Psalm 46:1)



I. God is **present** with those who suffer for him. (v. 1-2)

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1. God is present to **listen** to us. (Jer. 33:3)

Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

2. God is present to **love** on us. (1 John 4:10)

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that **He loved us** and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

3. God is present to ***lead*** us. (Ps 31:3)

For You are my rock and my fortress; For Your name's sake You will lead me and guide me.

- II. God ***prosper***s those who suffer for him. (v.3)

Now his master saw that the Lord was with him and how the ***Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hand.***

1. God blesses those who serve ***willingly***. (2 Thess. 3:10)

For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.

2. God blesses those who serve ***well***. (Eph. 6:7-8)

With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

- III. God ***promotes*** those who suffer for him. (v.4)

So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge.

1. Joseph's promotion came with a better ***rank***. (v.4a)

So Joseph found favor in his sight and ***became his personal servant;***

2. Joseph's promotion came with new ***responsibility***. (v.4b)

He made him overseer over his house, ***and all that he owned he put in his charge.***

3. Joseph's promotion came with greater ***risk***. (v.5)

It came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house and over all that he owned, ***the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph;*** thus the Lord's blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field.

