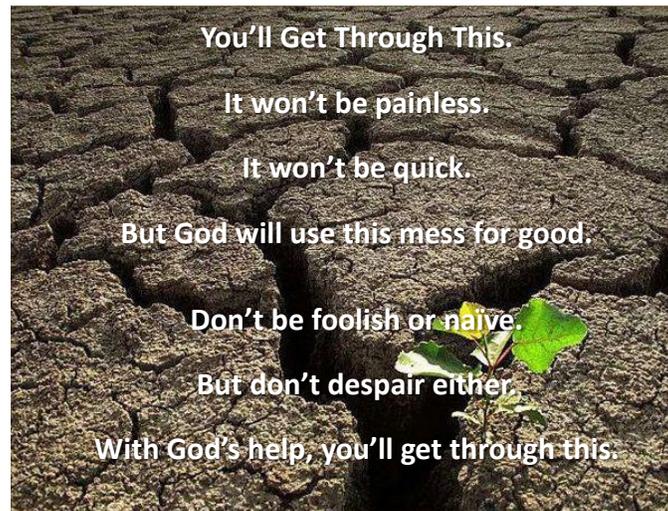


**Is God Good When Life Isn't?  
Gen 40:14-15, 20-23**

"Only keep me in mind when it goes well with you, and please do me a kindness by mentioning me to Pharaoh and get me out of this house. "For I was in fact kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing that they should have put me into the dungeon."

Thus it came about on the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday that he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. He restored the chief cupbearer to his office, and he put the cup into Pharaoh's hand; but he hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had interpreted to them. ***Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.***



O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
How blessed is the man  
Who takes refuge in Him!  
(Ps. 34:8)

- I. Joseph entered God's ***registration*** room. (Gen 41:1)

***"Now it happened at the end of two full years that Pharaoh had a dream"***

1. Biblical waiting is not a time for ***worrying*** to death. (Ps 37:7)

***Rest in the Lord*** and wait patiently for Him;

2. Biblical waiting is not a time for ***wearying*** the Lord. (Mal 2:17)

***You have wearied the Lord with your words.*** Yet you say, "How have we wearied Him?" In that you say, "Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and He delights in them," or, "Where is the God of justice?"

3. Biblical waiting is not a time for ***whittling*** away time. (Eph. 5:16)

Make the most of your time, because the days are evil.

- II. Joseph was moved to God's ***examination*** room. (Ps 105:17-19)

He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. They afflicted his feet with fetters, He himself was laid in irons; ***until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.***

1. Joseph was tested by the ***pain*** of the pit. (37:23-24)

So it came about, when Joseph reached his brothers that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the varicolored tunic that was on him; and ***they took him and threw him into the pit.*** Now the pit was empty, without any water in it.

2. Joseph was tested by ***problems*** with Mrs. Potiphar. (39:7)

It came about after these events that ***his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph,*** and she said, "Lie with me."

3. Joseph was tested by the ***people*** in the prison. (40:23)

Yet the ***chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.***

- III. Joseph entered God's ***consultation*** room. (41:14-15)

Then Pharaoh sent and called for Joseph, and they hurriedly brought him out of the dungeon; and when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came to Pharaoh. Pharaoh said to Joseph, ***"I have had a dream, but no one can interpret it; and I have heard it said about you, that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."***

1. Joseph understood God's ***providence*** in the matter. (41:16)

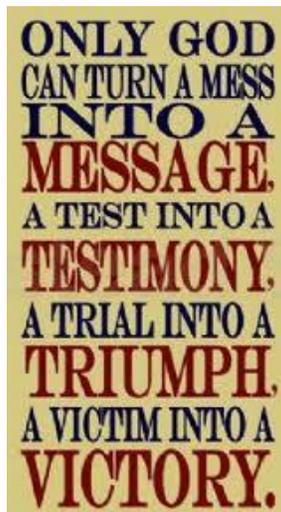
Joseph then answered Pharaoh, saying, ***"It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer."***

2. Joseph understood God's ***sovereignty*** in the matter. (41:28)

"It is as I have spoken to Pharaoh: ***God has shown to Pharaoh what He is about to do.***

3. Joseph understood God's ***urgency*** in the matter. (41:32)

"Now as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, ***it means that the matter is determined by God, and God will quickly bring it about.***



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