



Joseph

Where is God When Times are Hard?
or
How to get Flowers out of Fertilizer
April 17 & 18, 2010

The Story: (Genesis 37, 39, 40, 41)

1. Know the _____ is _____ you.
~ even if no one else is!

(Genesis 39:2, 3, 5, 21-23, Deuteronomy 31:6, Isaiah 41:10)

2. My _____ in _____ doesn't
change with my situation

~ Love G _____, Love O _____

(Genesis 39:6, 9, 40:6, Matthew 22:37-40, John 14:15, 1 John 5:2-3)

3. Do the _____ you _____ with what
_____.

~ maybe you will be trusted with more!

(Genesis 41:41-57, Matthew 25:20-23)

Challenge: Don't _____ doing what is
_____ just because times are _____.

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What has happened in his life to this point? Look at Genesis 37:23-28, 39:20. Now he has been forgotten, for how long? (Gen. 41:1) _____

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How did you get through? _____

How, do you think, Joseph got through it? _____

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Now read Genesis 40:6-8 and 41:15-16

2. What is different in Joseph's attitude this time? Who does he talk about in Genesis 37? Who does he talk about in Genesis 40 & 41? What has changed?

Read this quote. "God's exultation of man is never for the man himself. Its purpose is the glorification of God and the edification of others." In the space below, write down what you think this quote is saying, use a dictionary if you need to. What does it have to do with Joseph and his attitude adjustment? Do you need an attitude adjustment? In what way?

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