



Joseph-“It’s All-Good” Part II
Genesis 39-45
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PREPARATION FOR TRIALS (REVIEW FROM PART I)

1. Plan with the end in mind.
2. Do not wait for the hard times to come to get ready for them.
3. Hard times are the best learning opportunities of our lives.
Heb 12:11
4. Life is not defined by one incident.
5. Hard times never seem to be fair or bearable. *1 Corinthians 1-:12*
6. Joseph was destined for _____.
What about you?

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.
Jeremiah 29:11

7. Joseph’s journey to greatness had _____.
What about yours?

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9

8. Joseph kept his eyes on God’s _____.
Have you done the same?

I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14

II. GOD EXPECTS YOUR CONTINUED MINISTRY. (GEN 39-41)

Joseph continued to use his spiritual gifts during hard times.

- a. Joseph’s reputation was _____, evidenced by how much was trusted into his hand. (vs. 39:21-23)

It’s all-good if you maintain a servant’s heart, even when you feel betrayed.

- b. Joseph’s gifts were _____ for later use by his continued faithfulness to use them during hard times. (vs.40:12-23)

It’s all-good if you are faithful to grow in your ministry capacity.

- c. Joseph was _____ from prison because of those he helped while he suffered. (vs. 41:9-14)

It’s all-good if you help others with their problems, even if it does not seem to help you with yours.

- d. Joseph’s ultimate position as a world leader was _____ by his faithful use of his God-given gifts. (vs.41:25-41)

It’s all-good if you continue to prepare to fulfill God’s purposes instead of your own.

Ministry during hard times will open doors for ministry in good times.

III. GOD NEEDS US TO SEE THE BIG PICTURE. (GEN 45:1-9)

Joseph sees life from God’s perspective.

- a. Joseph acknowledges _____ in the trial. (vs. 5)

It’s all-good if you recognize God’s sovereignty in all things.

The Sovereignty of God: A theological term, which refers to the unlimited power and supreme rulership of God.

- b. Joseph acknowledged how his trials _____ others. (vs.7)

It’s all-good if you are willing to make a sacrifice for the benefit of others.

- c. Joseph acknowledged the _____ to his character, personal status, and spiritual growth. (vs. 8-9)

It’s all-good if you allow God to shape and mold your character through hard times.