

What To Do... When You Don't Know... What To Do...?

(1) You'll Get Through This!

YOU'LL GET THROUGH THIS!

*It won't always be **PAINLESS**...
It won't always be **QUICK**...*

But...

GOD WILL USE WHATEVER MESS YOU'RE IN... FOR GOOD!

YOU'LL GET THROUGH THIS!!

JOSEPH'S story got **WORSE**... before it got **BETTER**!

But...

HE NOT ONLY SURVIVED... HE THRIVED!

Genesis 37:23-25a...

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe - the ornate robe he was wearing 24 and they took him and **cast him into the pit**. The **pit** was **empty**; there was no water in it. 25 And they sat down to eat their meal...

Genesis 42:21...

*"We **saw** the **anguish** of his soul when he **pleaded with us**...
and we would not hear..."*

Genesis 37:4-5/8/11...

4 When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they **hated** him and **could not speak a kind word to him**. 5 Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they **hated** him all the more.

8 His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they **hated** him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

11 His brothers were **jealous** of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Vss 23-24a...

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they **stripped** him of his robe - the ornate robe he was wearing 24 and they **took** him and **cast** him into the pit.

Genesis 50:20...

*You intended to harm me, but **God intended it for good** to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.*

IN GOD'S HANDS... INTENDED EVIL... BECOMES ULTIMATE GOOD!

*If **GOD**... The **MASTER WEAVER** and **MASTER BUILDER**... Can **REDEEM** the **STORY OF JOSEPH**... **WHY CAN'T HE REDEEM YOUR STORY AS WELL?***

GOD GETS US "THROUGH" STUFF!!

THROUGH the *Red Sea* and onto *Dry Ground*... (Ex 14:22)

THROUGH the *Wilderness*... (Deut 29:5)

THROUGH the *Valley of the Shadow of Death*... (Ps 23:4)

THROUGH the *Deep Sea*... (Ps 77:19)

Isaiah 43:2...

*When you pass **THROUGH** the waters... I will be with you; And **THROUGH** the rivers... they shall not overflow you! When you walk **THROUGH** the fire... you shall not be burned... nor shall the flame scorch you!*

IT WON'T BE PAINLESS...

IT WON'T ALWAYS BE QUICK...

BUUUUUUUUT...

GOD WILL USE YOUR MESS FOR GOOD!

*What you may see as a **PERFECT MESS**... **GOD** sees as a chance to **TRAIN**... to **TEST**... and to **TEACH A FUTURE PRIME MINISTER!***

**IF SATAN CAN NEURALIZE YOU...
HE CAN ALSO MUTE YOUR INFLUENCE!**

*Smack dab in the **MIDDLE OF THE MESS**...*

DO YOU STILL BELIEVE GOD'S DESTINY FOR YOU?

YOU ARE GOD'S CHILD... He SAW you... He PICKED you...

And...

**HE'S STRATEGICALLY "PLACED" YOU... right where you are...
in the middle of whatever "IT" is... in your life right now!**

YOUR STRUGGLES WILL NOT LAST FOREVER... BUT YOU WILL!

2 Corinthians 5:1...

*For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed... we have a building
from God... an eternal house in heaven... not built by human hands.*

**SURVIVAL IN EGYPT... BEGINS WITH A "YES" TO "GOD'S CALL" ON
YOUR LIFE... NO MATTER WHERE THAT "CALL" TAKES YOU!**

Always Remember...

YOU WILL NEVER GO WHERE GOD IS NOT!

Exodus 33:15...

"If YOUR PRESENCE does not go with us... do not bring us up from here..."

**MOSES PREFERRED TO GO NOWHERE WITH GOD...
THAN ANYWHERE WITHOUT HIM!**

Psalms 51:11...

*"Do not cast me away from YOUR PRESENCE...
and do not take your Holy Spirit from me..."*

**DAVID KNEW WHAT MATTERED MOST... THE PRESENCE OF GOD...
AND HE BEGGED GOD FOR IT!**

MAKE GOD'S PRESENCE YOUR PASSION!

1. LAY CLAIM TO THE NEARNESS OF GOD!

Hebrews 13:5b...

Never will I leave you... never will I forsake you.

Zephaniah 3:17...

The Lord your God is with you... he is mighty to save! He will take great delight in you... he will quiet you with his love... he will rejoice over you with singing!

DIFFICULT DAYS DEMAND DECISIONS OF FAITH!

Psalm 56:3...

When I am afraid... I WILL TRUST YOU!

2. CLING TO HIS CHARACTER!

In "CHANGING TIMES"...

Lay hold to the "UNCHANGING CHARACTER" of GOD!"

3. PRAY YOUR PAIN OUT!

***IT IS BETTER TO SHAKE A FIST AT GOD...
THAN TO TURN YOUR BACK ON HIM!***

4. LEAN ON GOD'S PEOPLE!

Matthew 18:20...

For where two or three gather in my name... there am I also.
