

TRUSTING THE LORD IN THE MIDST OF DIFFICULTY

“The Lord Was With Him”

Genesis 39:3 – ***“And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand.”***

We see this phrase “the Lord was with him” 4 times in this chapter - verses 2, 3, 21 and 23.

How can we trust the Lord in the middle of difficulty? Do what we can where we are for the Lord!! He will be with us.

I. Learn to Minister to Others – as long as we have life, we can encourage others in some way. Like Joseph, we can always have a positive impact on others. This will take our mind off of our own difficulties.

- Send a note of encouragement
- Pray with them
- Take a meal
- Visit them

II. Learn to Wait on God – waiting on God is never wasted because He knows the future and what is ahead for us just like Joseph. We can trust Him in all things!!

Psalm 27:14 – ***“Wait on the Lord; be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.”***

III. Learn to Get Past Your Past – If you have past failures or sins, ask God for forgiveness and let it go. We can’t go forward looking in the rear-view mirror.

Philippians 3:13-14 – ***“Brethren, I count. not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”***

IV. Don’t Fear the Future – II Timothy 1:7 - ***“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”***

- Remember that you have God’s power
- He loves us more than anyone and is in control of our future.
- He has given us His Word which is the sound doctrine we need to keep us from fear.

Let us all give our difficulties to Jesus and determine to serve Him, to give Him thanks in everything, to be faithful to the One who is always faithful to us.