

## **ROLLING WITH THE PUNCHES**

Genesis 39-41      Jeff Schreve

**What do you do when the punches of life just keep coming?**

**1. Remember that God's ways aren't our ways.**

A. It is perfectly normal to ask God why.

B. It is typically standard to not get an answer to your why.

C. It is greatly reassuring to know that God knows why.

9 "Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure'; Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man of My purpose from a far country. Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it. Listen to Me, you stubborn-minded, Who are far from righteousness." Isaiah 46:9-12

**2. Determine to be faithful and bloom where you are planted.**

*But the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. The chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible for it. Genesis 39:21-22*

A. Will you serve God no matter what?

*Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face." Job 1:9-11*

B. Will you be faithful until death?

*The captain of the bodyguard put Joseph in charge of them, and he took care of them; and they were in confinement for some time. Then the cupbearer and the baker for the king of Egypt, who were confined in jail, both had a dream the same night, each man with his own dream and each dream with its own interpretation. When Joseph came to them in the morning and observed them, behold, they were dejected. He asked Pharaoh's officials who were with him in confinement in his master's house, "Why are your faces so sad today?"*

*Genesis 40:4-7*

### **3. Don't let your heart get bitter.**

*"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." Genesis 40:14-15*

A. Remind yourself often that God is in control.

B. Remind yourself often that God is at work.

*Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the LORD tested him. Psalm 105:19*

### **4. Wait on the Lord and know He is good.**

*Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him. Now it happened at the end of two full years that Pharaoh had a dream .... Genesis 40:23-41:1*

A. God will not forget you.

B. God will exalt you at the proper time.

**Will you roll with the punches and trust God?**