

## Walking through Trials – 01.21.2024

Last week we looked at walking with the Lord and found two passages that would make a good test of how well we are walking with the Lord;

### *Galatians 5:22-25 (Fruit of the Spirit)*

### *1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (Attributes of Godly Love)*

This week I'd like to examine some examples that kept walking with the Lord Though their Trials.

### Joseph:

#### *Genesis 37:2 (NASB) [The Tattle Tale.]*

2 These are *the records* of the generations of Jacob. Joseph, when seventeen years of age, was pasturing the flock with his brothers while he was *still* a youth, along with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph **brought back a bad report about them to their father.**

#### *Genesis 37:3-11 (NASB) [Hated by his brothers.]*

3 Now **Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons,** because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a varicolored tunic. 4 His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and *so* **they hated him and could not speak to him on friendly terms.** 5 Then Joseph had **a dream,** and when he told it to his brothers, **they hated him even more.** 6 He said to them, "Please listen to this dream which I have had; 7 for behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf rose up and also stood erect; and behold, your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf." 8 Then his brothers said to him, "Are you actually going to reign over us? Or are you really going to rule over us?" So **they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.** 9 Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, "Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." 10 He related *it* to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?" 11 **His brothers were jealous of him,** but his father kept the saying *in mind.*

#### *Genesis 37:26-28 (NASB) [Brothers sold him into slavery.]*

26 Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it for us to kill our brother and cover up his blood? 27 "Come and **let us sell him to the Ishmaelites** and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our *own* flesh." And his brothers listened *to him.* 28 Then some Midianite traders passed by, so they pulled *him* up and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and **sold him to the Ishmaelites** for twenty *shekels* of silver. Thus they brought Joseph into Egypt.

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### *Genesis 37:36 (NASB)*

36 Meanwhile, the Midianites sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, Pharaoh's officer, the captain of the bodyguard.

### *Genesis 39:2-5 (NASB)*

**2 The LORD was with Joseph, so he became a successful man.** And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian. **3 Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and how the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hand.** **4** So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge. **5** It came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house and over all that he owned, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus **the LORD'S blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field.**

### *Genesis 39:9-10 (NASB) [Testing by Potiphar's wife.]*

**9** "There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. **How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?"** **10** As **she spoke to Joseph day after day, he did not listen to her to lie beside her or be with her.**

### *Genesis 39:19-23 (NASB) [Falsely accused and Jailed.]*

**19** Now when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, "This is what your slave did to me," his anger burned. **20** So **Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail,** the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail. **21** But **the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him,** and **gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.** **22 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*. **23** The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the LORD was with him; and **whatever he did, the LORD made to prosper.**

**Genesis 40:** Pharaoh's cupbearer & Baker sent to prison/Had dreams/ Joseph interprets/Cupbearer released and forgets about Joseph/Baker beheaded and hung.

**Genesis 41:** **2 years later,** Pharaoh had 2 dreams that no one could interpret/ Cupbearer now remembers Joseph/ Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams/ **made ruler in Egypt only second to Pharaoh.**

### *Genesis 41:28 (KJV) [Gives Glory to God.]*

**28** This *is* the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: **What God is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.**

**Genesis 41:32 (KJV)**

32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; **it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.**

**Genesis 41:46 (KJV)**

46 And **Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.**

And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

**Genesis 41:47-49 (KJV)**

47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls. 48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which *was* round about every city, laid he up in the same. 49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for *it was* without number.

**Genesis 41:56-57 (KJV)**

56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt. 57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy *corn*; because that the famine was *so* sore in all lands.

Genesis 42: Joseph's 10 brothers sent to Joseph to get grain/Simeon held hostage and sends for Benjamin/Genesis 43: Jacob finally sends Benjamin/ Joseph weeps/Genesis 44: Joseph plots to get Benjamin to be arrested/Genesis 45: Joseph finally reveals his identity to his brothers/Pharaoh commands Joseph to send gifts and bring back all his family to Egypt/

**Genesis 45:4-5 (KJV) [Gives God the Glory.]**

4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I *am* Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. 5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: **for God did send me before you to preserve life.**

**Genesis 46:1-4 (KJV)**

1 And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. 2 And **God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night**, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here *am* I. 3 And he said, I *am* God, the God of thy father: **fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a**

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**great nation:** 4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up *again*: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

Genesis 47: Jacob blesses Pharaoh/God's plan was build a great nation while there in Egypt/Genesis 48: Jacob blesses Joseph's sons/opposite of age/ Genesis 49: Jacob Blesses his sons/Died/Genesis 50: Mourning Jacob's death/ Joseph comforts his brothers

*Genesis 50:19-21 (NASB)*

19 But Joseph said to them, "**Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place? 20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. 21 "So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones."** So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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*The Book of Daniel: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.*

*Daniel 1:8-9 (NASB)*

8 But Daniel **made up his mind that he would not defile himself** with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought *permission* from the commander of the officials **that he might not defile himself.** 9 Now **God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials,**

*Daniel 1:19-20 (NASB)*

19 The king talked with them, and out of them all **not one was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah;** so they entered **the king's personal service.** 20 As for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, **he found them ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm.**

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*The Book of Job: Job's testimony:*

*Job 1:1 (NASB)*

1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was **blameless, upright,** fearing God and turning away from evil.

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Saul/Paul:

### *2 Corinthians 11:22-31 (NASB)*

**22** Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. **23** Are they servants of Christ?—I speak as if insane—I more so; in **far more labors**, in far **more imprisonments**, **beaten times without number**, often in **danger of death**. **24** **Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes**. **25** **Three times I was beaten with rods**, **once I was stoned**, **three times I was shipwrecked**, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. **26** *I have been* on **frequent journeys**, in **dangers from rivers**, **dangers from robbers**, **dangers from my countrymen**, **dangers from the Gentiles**, **dangers in the city**, **dangers in the wilderness**, **dangers on the sea**, **dangers among false brethren**; **27** *I have been* in **labor and hardship**, through many sleepless nights, **in hunger and thirst**, often **without food**, **in cold and exposure**. **28** Apart from *such* external things, there is the daily pressure on me *of* concern for all the churches. **29** Who is weak without my being weak? Who is led into sin without my intense concern? **30** If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my weakness. **31** The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.

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When we stay the course by walking close to God, He often gives favor to the Faithful. How well do we walk through Trials. With God or on our own?