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When Bad Stuff Happens

Family Discussion



the LORD was with him (Joseph); He showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did. ... So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh.

Genesis 39:21-23, 41:14 (NIV)



Discuss

- Joseph faced a lot of unfair situations—being sold by his brothers, wrongly accused, and put in prison. How do you think he kept trusting God through all those problems?
- When was a time in your life when something bad or disappointing later turned out to be good?
- Why do you think God sometimes waits to show us the reasons for our problems?
- How might God be preparing you through something difficult right now?



Pray

- Thank God that He is in control of our lives, even when we experience problems that are not at all our own fault.
- Ask God for patience and faith to believe that He will work things out for His and our best purposes.
- Pray for others you know who are experiencing tough times in their lives. Ask God to encourage them and accomplish good things in their lives.

