

Just Like Jesus

Part 4 - In Prison but Not Forgotten Genesis 40:14-15

Joseph was a:

1. _____ Son. Genesis 37
2. _____ Servant. Genesis 39
3. _____ Man. Genesis 40:23
4. _____ Leader. Genesis 40-41
5. _____ Saint. Genesis 42-48

3 Reasons we need to forgive:

1. _____ Factor

Ephesians 4:32 *And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*

Forgiveness _____ should become Forgiveness _____.

2. _____ Factor Hebrews "Root of Bitterness"

3. _____ Factor Because "God says so"

Matthew 6:14-15 *"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."*

Key thought: God had only one Son without _____ but no children without _____ !

The suffering and problems of this life can be a great source of opportunities.

2nd Corinthians 12:10

Tonight I want us to look at 7 reasons that our Heavenly Father allows difficulties to come into our lives as His children:

- I. _____ a closeness to the Lord.

The Lord will never be closer to us than when we're facing the storms of life.

Just ask..... Genesis 39:1-3, 21, 23

- II. _____ opportunities for witness.

Philippians 1:12 *But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the Gospel,*

Sometimes we can be a better witness for Jesus on our _____ than

we can be on our _____ !

III. _____ courage in others.

Philippians 1:14 "Because of my chains, my brothers and sisters in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the Word of God more courageously and fearlessly."

_____ is _____ ! Example:

IV. _____ who our **REAL** friends are.

2nd Timothy 4:9-10 "Do your best to come to me quickly for Demas hath forsaken me..."

Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loveth at all times."

3 Kinds of "Friends"

_____ friend _____ weather _____ friend

Our greatest friend "Jesus"

V. _____ growth in our lives. Psalm 119:71

You don't sharpen an axe on _____ but _____ !

VI. _____ us to see life in it's proper perspective.

Romans 8:18 *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

Sometimes God allows us to go through suffering to remind us

this _____ is not our _____ !

When Jesus comes again we will:

1. _____ a better country. Hebrews 11:10

2. _____ a better body. 1st Corinthians 15

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VII. _____ us to come back to Jesus.

Psalm 119:67 *Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept Thy word.*

Just ask HELLO

Finally notice why God allows sickness, suffering and sorrow to come into the lives of those who have never been saved

VIII. _____ us to give our hearts and lives to Jesus. Revelation 3:20