

“God’s Delays Are Not His Denials” Genesis 40

In Genesis 39, Joseph ended up in prison, not for doing something _____, but for doing something _____. Joseph spent ____ years in prison learning a very important lesson - God’s _____ are not His denials. When God makes you a promise, sometimes He also makes you _____ for that promise to be fulfilled (Psalm 27:14).

Some Bible characters who had to wait for a promise to be fulfilled were: _____ (75 years), _____ (25 years), and _____ (15 years).

Sometimes God develops our _____ by forcing us to wait on Him. Let’s notice 3 things Joseph did not _____ that all of us are tempted to do when we’re waiting on God.

1. He Never Became _____.

Joseph never stopped _____ the Lord. He became the _____ over all the prisoners and activities that went on in the prison. God used those 10 years to develop Joseph’s _____ abilities.

Joseph became the servant of two of Pharaoh’s _____ who ended up in prison. Those 2 men shared their _____ with Joseph and he interpreted them. Those 2 dreams were fulfilled just as Joseph _____.

2. He Never Became _____.

Joseph may have become _____ at times, but he never lost sight of God’s promises.

3. He Never Became _____.

- A. He Went to Help His Brothers and Ended Up a _____.
- B. He Resisted Temptation and Ended Up in _____.
- C. He Interpreted the Dreams of the Butler and Ended Up _____.

Joseph was forgotten by men, but never _____ by God. He could see God’s _____ at work in the circumstances of his life.

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