



Part 3: Pain and Gain

GET GOING

When we look at the circumstances of our lives, we have a choice to make. We can blame God for the hardships, or we can recognize that He is active even in life's darkest moments.

DISCUSS

1. If you could walk into a convenient store and buy any quality, what would it be and why?

Read Genesis 39:20-23

2. Joseph was punished for doing the right thing! How do you think you would have reacted towards God if you were in his shoes?
3. Why do you think the warden didn't have to pay attention to Joseph's work? If someone were to look at how you handle your work would they be able to say the same?
4. Though his time in prison, God was growing Joseph's character. Talk about a tough time in your life that you now know God was using to help you grow.

Read Genesis 40:1-8

5. What's your gut reaction after someone lets you down or things don't go your way? How do those circumstances effect the way you treat others?
6. Would you describe yourself as a compassionate person? How can we show care for others even when things aren't going our way?

Read Genesis 40:9-23

7. After Joseph helps the cupbearer he is forgotten about for another two years! How do you respond when God doesn't seem to work on your timetable?
8. God wasn't sitting idly in Joseph's story, He was preparing Him for a bigger opportunity. Looking back on your life is there ever a prayer that you are glad went unanswered?
9. How can believing that God doesn't waste the negative circumstances of our lives help us to not give up when life gets tough?

PRAY.

Close by reading Hebrews 13:5. Thank God that He will never abandon us. Pray that we would be people who have the wisdom to learn from the circumstances of our lives and trust that God can work them out for a greater good than we could ever imagine.