

REMEMBERED AND PROMOTED

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Joseph was sold into slavery by jealous brothers, then lied on for not giving in to sexual temptation, then cast into a dungeon only to be forgotten by those whom he had helped.

Joseph may have been a favored son, but his life was filled with disappointment, mistreatment, rejection, betrayal, false accusations and abandonment.

Joseph spent 13 years in slavery and prison. Thirteen long, dull, monotonous, unspectacular, a slow moving grind. Month after month, year after year, nothing going on except more waiting.

Don't you just love waiting? NOT! We hate to wait. We hate it whenever nothing is going on. But the truth of the matter is this, while we are waiting, a lot is going on. In our trial, we are being refined, perfected, strengthened and established.

James 1:3-4 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

It's in the waiting, in the darkness, in the loneliness, that God is doing His best work.

Noah preached for 120 years before the rain started to fall. Moses had to wait 80 years before it was time for him to lead his people out. Abraham had to wait 25 years for his promised son. Elijah waited beside the brook. Paul spent time in the Arabian Desert. God does some of His best work, while we are waiting.

Gal 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Gal 6:9 So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time. NLT

Joseph waited and waited and waited and then on a day just like every other day, something finally happened. Why? Because God's timing was right and Pharaoh had a dream.

Somehow in the loneliness of his recent years, abandoned and forgotten in a dark depressing dungeon, Joseph had learned to allow God to have His way in his life. Joseph had learned that things happen in God's timing, in God's way, for God's glory and purpose.

God wants each of us to learn the same thing.