

"The Lord was with Joseph..." GEN 39:2, 3, 21, & 23

NO MATTER WHAT...

1. You can do your _____ and things can still turn out _____

"Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." JOHN 16:33

2. No matter what, God is _____

[God] *"I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."* HEB 13:5 (from DEUT 31:6, 8)

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." ROM 8:28

- In the shadows
- In the hard places
- In the desert times

"And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." MATTHEW 28:20

3. Trusting God is rarely _____ or _____

"Building a life of faith is the work of a lifetime of trust."
STEPHEN ELLIOTT, JOSEPH: A STORY ABOUT A FAMILY

"Humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor." 1 PET 5:6

- The right time is _____ generally our time

"God has made everything beautiful for its own time."
ECCL 3:11

- We have to determine the _____ of Immediate gratification over long-term obedience

"When we make our needs our rights, we might get what we want but might very well lose our best dreams, and perhaps lose them forever." ELLIOTT

- Don't stop _____ too soon

"Opportunity may only knock once, but temptation leans on the doorbell" ANONYMOUS

4. All our sin is _____ against God and _____ against the person we sin against

"Against you, and you alone, have I sinned." PSA 51:4

"Everyone who sins is breaking God's law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God." 1 JOHN 3:4

5. Our strongest relationships in life are built on _____

"Trust is the currency of any sound relationship." ELLIOTT

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." PROV 3:5-6

THE BIG QUESTION

Do you trust God or do you just say you trust God?

"Trusting God keeps all of life's best and God's best possibilities in play for you and me." ELLIOTT

What evidence do we have that we can trust God?

- God's Word = the Bible
- Heroes of the faith
- Personal experience
- Indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit