

JOSEPH'S STORY IS ABOUT LEARNING HOW TO _____
GOD COMPLETELY

"Ultimate trust means trusting God in the dark, not just in the light. In hard places, not just when it's convenient."

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"Remember the wonders he has performed, his miracles, and the rulings he has given, you children of his servant Abraham, you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones. He is the Lord our God... He called for a famine on the land of Canaan, cutting off its food supply. Then he sent someone to Egypt ahead of them—Joseph, who was sold as a slave. They bruised his feet with fetters and placed his neck in an iron collar. Until the time came to fulfill his dreams; the Lord tested Joseph's character. Then Pharaoh sent for him and set him free; the ruler of the nation opened his prison door. Joseph was put in charge of all the king's household; he became ruler over all the king's possessions. He could instruct the king's aides as he pleased and teach the king's advisers." PSA 105:5-7, 16-22

- **God is always _____ while we most commonly think behind**

"For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.... If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me,' says the Lord." JER 29:11, 13

- **God is always _____ to accomplish His purposes**

"My Father is always working, and so am I." JOHN 5:17

- **God's dreams for you are _____ simply all about you**

"Your God-given dreams are meant to fit into a larger picture and a larger purpose: God's. They are not all about you, like some twenty-first century mantra of self-centeredness. They are about Him and His plans for His world and your place in it." ELLIOTT

"You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail." PROV 19:21

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people." GEN 50:20

- **Trust is believing God _____ you can figure out what He is doing or will do**

"The Lord had said to Abram, 'Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you... So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed.'" GEN 12:1, 4

"Could it be for any of us that the best way forward is cleverly disguised as another step down?" ELLIOTT

- **No _____ step or setback takes you out of the reach of God**

"Could it be that we are meant to trust our journey with God as a whole, not simply base our trust in God upon the circumstances of a particular day or struggles of a particular season that we do not understand?" ELLIOTT

"God's faithfulness to His promises makes trust possible even in the hardest places of life." ELLIOTT

TRUST IN GOD IS A _____, NOT A FEELING

"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