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**PATRIARCHS**

**ENDURING GOD'S TESTS, 2: JOSEPH & EGYPT**

Genesis 39-41

***God never abandons His people; therefore, we must trust Him even in difficult times.***

*Joseph illustrates three evidences of trusting God even in difficult times.*

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2. Be \_\_\_\_\_

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The following readings and questions are designed to help you reflect on the truths found in this week's sermon in order that you might retain them in your life. You might find the most benefit by reading this week's passage along with the daily passage.

**READ**



**REFLECT**



**RETAIN**

**MONDAY:**

Genesis 39-40

How do the hardships that Joseph faces serve to prepare him for the work God has for him? How have you seen God do the same in your life? How should this affect your attitude in the trials you are facing now?

**TUESDAY:**

Philippians 1:12-20

How does Paul see even being imprisoned as an opportunity for gospel productivity? How have you ever seen God work through you in the middle of a trial? What other advantages can being productive have in our trials?

**WEDNESDAY:**

Romans 8:24-30

Why do we need patience in our trials according to these verses? What parts of this passage are hard for you to accept and live? What practical steps can you take to gain more patience in the trials you are facing now?

**THURSDAY:**

John 18:25-27; Acts 5

How does Peter's trial in John 18 prepare him for the events of Acts 5? Whom have you seen prepared in similar ways that Peter has been through suffering? How have you encouraged that person in their service to God and others?

**FRIDAY:**

Genesis 41

What changes do you see in Joseph's attitude from the beginning of Genesis 37 to now? How have you seen God change you through trials in the past? What confidence does this give you for current and future trials?

**PASSAGE FOR JAN 13:**

Genesis 42-45