

Rise & Build:

Reflections from the Joseph Story

The Rubble of Forgotten Promises

Genesis 39:20 "So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail...and he was there in the jail."



Joseph is in jail. He is in jail for something that he did not do. He is innocent. There was no trial. There was no defense. His master put him into prison.

- God was with Joseph (even in prison) - 39:21, 23
- Joseph found favor and position (even in prison) - 39:21,22

A. The Cupbearer & the Baker in prison under Joseph's care (40:1-5)

- "they were in confinement for _____ time" (40:4)

B. Joseph becomes an interpreter of dreams (40:6-22)

- The dreams were good news for the cupbearer and bad news for the baker
- Mention me to Pharaoh (40:14)
 - Yet the cupbearer did not _____ Joseph (40:23)
 - At the end of _____ full years, Joseph is still in prison (41:1)

What happened to Joseph was not fair:
Ps 119:71
1 Pet 2:20

Three Lessons About Promises:

1. Promises _____ to Us

- Politicians make promises to get elected
- Business dealings often have broken promises
- Work/School

2. Promises We Make (MT 5:37)

- Ecc 5:4-5
- Promises reflect our _____ and we can gain or lose _____ by the way we keep our promises
- Our two greatest promises are our vows in _____ and our _____ to God in salvation

3. Promises of God (2 Pet 1:4; 3:9)

Ps 136:2
1 Jn 2:25; Jas 1:12

The Lord promised to be _____ us (Heb 13:5)
The Lord promised to _____ us (1 Jn 1:9)
The Lord promised a _____ with Him (Jn 14:2-3)

Broken Promises:

1. Leaves us feeling _____, _____ and _____
2. We feel _____ and _____

Promises are _____ to make and _____ to keep
Some make promises without ever _____ to keep them
Some promises are not thought out as to what is _____ in keeping them

