

(Hebrews 11:1-2 ESV) Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

(Hebrews 11:39-40) All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us.

Don't let the _____ of the process
keep you from
living _____ purpose for your life.

DON'T GIVE UP...

1. Even if you started off on _____.

(Genesis 37:6-8) "Listen to this dream," he said. "We were out in the field, tying up bundles of grain. Suddenly my bundle stood up, and your bundles all gathered around and bowed low before mine!" His brothers responded, "So you think you will be our king, do you? Do you actually think you will reign over us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dreams and the way he talked about them.

2. Even if _____ fail you.

(Genesis 37:18) When Joseph's brothers saw him coming, they recognized him in the distance. As he approached, they made plans to kill him.

3. Even if _____ finds you.

(Genesis 37:36) Meanwhile, the Midianite traders arrived in Egypt, where they sold Joseph to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Potiphar was captain of the palace guard.

(Genesis 39:19) Potiphar was furious when he heard his wife's story about how Joseph had treated her. So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained.

(Genesis 40:23) Pharaoh's chief cup-bearer, however, forgot all about Joseph, never giving him another thought.

4. Even if it is _____.

(Genesis 41:40) "You will be in charge of my court, and all my people will take orders from you. Only I, sitting on my throne, will have a rank higher than yours."

(Genesis 41:51-52) Joseph named his older son Manasseh, for he said, "God has made me forget all my troubles and everyone in my father's family." Joseph named his second son Ephraim, for he said, "God has made me fruitful in this land of my grief."

--- Words from Joseph ---

✓ Focus more on what God is doing _____
than what is happening _____.

(Genesis 39:9) No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God.

(Romans 5:3-5) We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment.

✓ Let each opportunity make you _____,
not _____.

(Genesis 39:23) The warden had no more worries, because Joseph took care of everything. The Lord was with him and caused everything he did to succeed.

(Hebrews 2:10) And it was only right that He (God) should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation.

✓ Make it your life's goal to _____.

(Hebrews 11:22) It was by faith that Joseph, when he was about to die, said confidently that the people of Israel would leave Egypt. He even commanded them to take his bones with them when they left.