

SLIDES SHOWN DURING SERVICE	SPACE FOR TAKING NOTES WHILE LISTENING TO MESSAGE
<p style="text-align: center;">The Ragged, Rotten, & Refined Joseph The Long Wait When Things Don't Work Out Like We Planned</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>I. God's Plan for Joseph</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the <u>survival of many people</u>. Genesis 50:19-20</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>II. Joseph's Journey</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>A. Where Joseph was (When our story started)</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Now Israel loved Joseph more than his other sons because Joseph was a son born to him in his old age, and he made a long-sleeved robe for him. Genesis 37:3</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>B. Where Joseph thought he would "end up?"</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>- Wealthy And the man became very rich. Genesis 30:43</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wealthy - Head of the family 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>C. Where he actually “ended up”</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A pit <p>Then they took him and threw him into the pit. The pit was empty, without water. Genesis 37:24</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A pit - Trafficked into slavery 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A pit - Trafficked into slavery - Falsely accused 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>When he heard me screaming for help, he left his garment beside me and ran outside.” Genesis 39:15</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A pit - Trafficked into slavery - Falsely accused - Incarcerated 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A pit - Trafficked into slavery - Falsely accused - Incarcerated - Forgotten 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph; he forgot him. Genesis 40:23</p>	<hr/> <hr/>

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<p>II. What can believers learn from Joseph?</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>A. Things to know while we are waiting</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>1. God never leaves us in our times of uncertainty.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>2. God does have a plan</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>While you wait.....do these essentials - Stay in the Word</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>While you wait.....do these essentials - Stay in the Word - Pray often</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him. James 1:5</p>	<hr/> <hr/>

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<p>Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success. Proverbs 15:22</p>	
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<p>3. God is working the plan</p>	
<p>The LORD of Armies has sworn: As I have purposed, so it will be; as I have planned it, so it will happen. Isaiah 14:24</p>	
<p>4. God's plan is going to involve pain.</p>	
<p><u>The reality of life is that if you live long enough you are going to bleed, cry and hurt. AND God is still God IN that.</u> <u>Matt Chandler</u></p>	
<p>I have refined you, but not as silver is refined. Rather, I have refined you in the furnace of suffering. Isaiah 48:10</p>	

<p>I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world.” John 16:33</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>5. Often, if not always, we will not know the plan until we “get there”</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Then Job answered the Lord and said: I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. Job 42:1-2</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. Job 42:3</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. James 1:2-3</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>