

Joseph – How To Stay In God’s Will

Romans 7:21 So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

You are not alone.

2 Timothy 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever! Amen.

God uses every part of our lives to bring us into His will.

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Hardship drives us toward God.

Sometimes, the greatest challenge to faith comes when we get what we want.

Genesis 42:51 Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, “It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father’s household.”

Principle: You have a responsibility to process your pain in a way that keeps your heart open and submissive to God.

Take your pain to God.

1. **Pray**
2. **Seek out loving, supportive community.**
3. **Open up.**

Genesis 42:1-2 When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you just keep looking at each other?” He continued, “I have

heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die.”

Your pain is not the center of God's story.

Genesis 42:24 He turned away from them and began to weep...

What you do with your pain matters.