

When Time Stands Still

SERIES: MANAGING LIFE IN THE REAL WORLD Part 1 -- September 8, 2019

Genesis 37-41

1. GIVE YOUR SCHEDULE TO GOD.

**When You Trust God To Lead Your Life,
You Learn to Trust His Timing!**

"But when the right time came, God sent His Son." Gal. 4:4 (NLT)

"At last the time has come!" Mark 1:15 (NLT)

*Many Things Will Catch Your Eye,
Only a Few Will Catch Your Heart -- Pursue Those!*

2. STAY ON GOD'S TIMING.

**Two Errors When Faced with Delays,
Detours and Disappointments:**

- We try to GET OUT ahead of God's timing.
- We FALL behind God's plan and disobey.

Two Things Joseph Did Right:

- He stayed FAITHFUL to God.

**God is not as interested in your circumstances as He is your
RESPONSE to your circumstances!**

- He decided to DO WHAT HE COULD while he waited on God.

It's not how LONG you wait, but HOW you wait that matters!

"The Lord still waits for you to come to Him so He can show you His love and compassion. For the Lord is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for Him to help them." Isaiah 30:18 (NLT)

3. TRUST THAT GOD IS WORKING **WITHIN** YOU

When it doesn't look like God is working AROUND you, trust that He is working WITHIN you!

How God Uses Time:

 To **HEAL** -

 To **FORM CHARACTER** -

"No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening - it is painful! But afterward there will be a quiet harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way." Hebrews 12:11 (NLT)

"For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So, let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything." James 1:3-4 (NLT)

"I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again." Phil. 1:6 (NLT)

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Cor. 2:9 (NLT)

JOSEPH'S GREATEST LESSON OF ALL: Full and total **RELIANCE** upon God.

"I wait quietly before God, for my salvation comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken." Psalm 62:1-2 (NLT)