Dealing with Discouragement Don Williams March 13, 2022

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."

Genesis 50:20

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

Genesis 39:19-41:1

1) Joseph held on to his dream

A dream is initiated by the Spirit of God, giving you a picture of what is yet to come and will ultimately bring glory to God.

<u>Romans 8:15</u>

"The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8:17

"Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."

2) Joseph held on to his God

Genesis 39:20-21

"But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ the Lord was with him;"

Isaiah 43:1-3

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.
³ For I am the Lord your God,"

RC Sproul~ I don't always feel the presence of God, but the promise of His presence doesn't depend on my feelings, it rests on His integrity.

3) Joseph held on to his heart

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Discouragement and gratitude can't co-exist in your heart.

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