**SURVIVING and THRIVING!**

**LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF JOSEPH**

**“Surviving and Thriving In Times Of Trouble”**

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The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time. Psalm 34:19 (New Living)

“I told you these things so that you can have peace in me. In this world you will have trouble, but be brave! I have defeated the world.” John 16:33 (New Century)

Anyone who belongs to Christ Jesus and wants to live right will have trouble from others. 2 Timothy 3:12 (Contemporary English)

**Please read Genesis 37:12-36 later.**

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**First, The Life Of Joseph Teaches Us To…**

**Remember Prosperity Is Temporary!**

He makes the sun to shine on both good and bad people. And He sends rain for the ones who do right and for the ones who do wrong. Matthew 5:45 (Contemporary English)

**The Life Of Joseph Teaches Us To…**

**Be Prepared For Times Of Trouble!**

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My friends, do not be surprised at the terrible trouble which now comes to test you. Do not think that something strange is happening to you. 1 Peter 4:12 (New Century)

**The Life Of Joseph Teaches Us To…**

**Continue Trusting God!**

The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. Genesis 39:2-4 (New International)

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We have troubles all around us, but we are not defeated. We do not know what to do, but we do not give up the hope of living. We are persecuted, but God does not leave us. We are hurt sometimes, but we are not destroyed. We carry the death of Jesus in our own bodies so that the life of Jesus can also be seen in our bodies. 2 Corinthians 4:8-10 (New Century)

Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9 (New International)

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