What To Do... When You Don't Know... What To Do...?

(2) Stupid Won't Fix Stupid!

EGYPT can be an ugly place... for sure! Nobody's gonna disagree with you that your **PAIN** is **REAL**!

But EGYPT can also be a place for some pretty BONE-HEADED DECISIONS!

So... Don't make matters worse by **DOING SOMETHING THAT YOU'LL REGRET!**

Vs 8... "HE REFUSED!"

Vs 10... "He did not heed her... to lie with her or to be with her"

In a culture that uses phrases like "Consenting Adults" or "Sexual Rights" – We often forget how IMMORALITY destroys the lives of the people who aren't in the bedroom!

Genesis 39:9...

"How... can I do this great wickedness... and sin against God?"

DO WHAT PLEASES GOD... WHEN YOU SO BADLY WANT TO DO WHAT PLEASES YOU!

YOU DON'T FIX STUPID WITH STUPID!

YOU DON'T GET OUT OF A MESS... BY MAKING ANOTHER ONE!

Genesis 39:20a...

Joseph's master took him and **put him in prison**, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

Genesis 40:15...

"I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon."

God is not... **SOMETIMES Sovereign**! He is not... **OCCASIONALLY Victorious**! HE DOES NOT OCCUPY HIS THRONE ONE DAY... AND VACATE IT THE NEXT!

Jeremiah 30:24a...

"The Lord shall **not turn back** until He has **executed** and **accomplished** the **thoughts** and **intents** of **His mind**..."

Psalm 105:17-19... (NLT)

Then he sent someone to Egypt ahead of them - **Joseph**, who was sold as a slave.18 They bruised his feet with fetters and placed his neck in an iron collar. 19 Until the time came to fulfill his dreams, **the Lord TESTED Joseph's CHARACTER**.

What Satan INTENDED FOR EVIL... GOD USED FOR TESTING!

Psalm 66:10-12...

For you, God, **tested us**; you **refined us** like silver. 11 You brought **us** into **prison** and laid **burdens** on **our backs**. 12 You let **people ride over our heads**; we went through fire and **water**, **BUT you brought us to a place of abundance**.

James 1:3-4...

Consider it **pure joy**, my brothers and sisters, whenever **you face trials of many kinds**, 3 because you know that the **testing of your faith** produces **perseverance**. 4 Let **perseverance finish its work** so that you may be **mature** and **complete**, **not lacking anything**.

GOD HAS NOT FORGOTTEN YOU!

Just the opposite...

HE HAS CHOSEN TO TRAIN YOU!

He sees the **NEEDS OF TOMORROW**... and accordingly... He uses your **CIRCUMSTANCES** to **CREATE THE TEST**... of **TODAY**!

YOUR TEST WILL BECOME YOUR TESTIMONY!

YOUR MESS CAN BECOME YOUR MESSAGE!

Hebrew 12:7-11...

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? 8 If you are not disciplined - and everyone undergoes discipline - then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! 10 They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

SOMETIMES GOD TAKES HIS TIME...

THIS PLANET IS GOD'S WAITING ROOM!

WHILE YOU'RE WAITING ... GOD APPARENTLY HAS BEEN WORKING!

JUST BECAUSE YOUR LIFE MAY SEEM IDLE... DON'T ASSUME THAT GOD IS!

WAITING... APPARENTLY... DOES NOT MEAN... INACTIVITY!

Apparently...

WHILE YOU ARE WAITING... GOD IS WORKING!

Isaiah 40:31... (NKJV)

But those who **WAIT** on the Lord... shall **renew their strength**; They shall **mount up with wings like eagles**, They shall **run and not be weary**, They shall **walk and not faint.**

Always Remember...

WHILE YOU ARE WAITING... GOD IS WORKING!