**HOW TO WAIT ON GOD**

How God Builds Character- The Life of Joseph – Part 4

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**Genesis 41:1-46**

Of all the truths of the Bible, none are more helpful

 than the **Promises Of God**

Promises like:

**Isaiah 49:14-15 (NLT2)**
Yet Jerusalem says, “The LORD has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us.” “Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? **But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!**

**John 11:25 (NIV)**
Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

Of all promises, though, none are more meaningful than those that promise **God’s Blessing After Human Suffering, Hope After Affliction**.

**Job 23:10 (NIV) – Memory Verse \*\***
But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

**1 Peter 5:10 (NIV)**
And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

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1. **Trust God Without Panic**

**Lamentations 3:21-23 (NIV)**
Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

2. **Thank God Continually**

**Ephesians 5:15-20 (NLT2)**
So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. **And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

3. **Remember The Reward**

**2 Timothy 4:8 (NLT2)**
And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.