

Living By Faith Not Sight

Enduring God's Waiting Room

Genesis 41:1-40

MANY Life Experiences can Develop into "Waiting Rooms."

Often in a "Waiting Room," things Don't Work Out like WE Hope.

After TWO Long Years in the Same old PRISON, we see how Joseph Successfully Endured The Waiting Rooms of Life...

- 1. DON'T BE SURPRISED BY TIME IN THE WAITING ROOM** (1 Peter 4:12)
 - Throughout the Bible, we're told HOW God's People Endured a Waiting Room.
 - NO ONE had more Wild UPS & DOWNS than JOSEPH.
 - There's ALWAYS Someone who has had to WAIT Longer than YOU...
- 2. WHILE WAITING, LEARN TO TRUST GOD ALONE.** (Jeremiah 17:5)
 - There was One Great CONSTANT in Joseph's Life...the LORD.
 - In EVERY Situation, we see Joseph him Giving GOD Priority.
 - The Forgetfulness of Man should make us Crave the Faithfulness of GOD.
 - GOD Uses Waiting Rooms to Mature us.
- 3. WHILE WAITING, LOOK FOR WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO LEARN.**
 - In a Waiting Room we should ASK TWO Questions:
 - "Is there Something God is trying to TEACH me?"
 - "Is there Something God wants to CHANGE in my life?"
 - We WASTE a lot of time in "Waiting Rooms" NOT Asking the RIGHT Questions.
- 4. WHILE WAITING, BE PATIENT FOR GOD'S TIMING.** (vv.1-8)
 - THIS TIME it was the PHAROAH who had a Dream & he was deeply "Troubled."
 - In the Middle of the PANIC the BUTLER Remembers Joseph.
 - When God's Timing was Perfect the Butler Remembered. (vv.9-13)
- 5. WHILE WAITING, WE CHOOSE HOW WE RESPOND.** (vv.14-40)
 - Joseph's First & Foremost Concern was for GOD'S Glory. (v.16)
 - When you Take a Stand for God you WILL very likely Offend someone.
 - When we TRUST HIM ALONE we get what HE ALONE can Provide.
 - Do YOU carry that Undeniable STAMP of the Spirit of God?
 - Joseph was Determined to Honor & Glorify God NO MATTER WHAT!!

- In the *“Waiting Rooms”* of life...instead of Asking “WHY?” Ask “HOW?”