

CHARACTER LESSONS FROM BIBLE HEROES

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Joseph: Overcome

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

Genesis 39:19- 41:44

But the LORD was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the LORD made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden.

Genesis 39:21

Challenges Strengthen My Character If I:

- I) _____ during my challenges.
 - A) So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained. Genesis 39:20
 - B) My character grows stronger when I _____ during my problems.
- II) _____ when I feel stuck.
 - A) When Joseph saw them the next morning, he noticed that they both looked upset. "Why do you look so worried today?" he asked them. And they replied, "We both had dreams last night, but no one can tell us what they mean." "Interpreting dreams is God's business," Joseph replied. "Go ahead and tell me your dreams." Genesis 40:6-8
 - B) The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25
- III) Don't _____ when people disappoint me.
 - A) And please remember me and do me a favor when things go well for you. Mention me to Pharaoh, so he might let me out of this place. For I was kidnapped from my homeland, the land of the Hebrews, and now I'm here in prison, but I did nothing to deserve it." Genesis 40:14-15

B) Pharaoh's chief cup-bearer, however, forgot all about Joseph, never giving him another thought. Genesis 40:23

IV) Trust God is with me when I _____.

A) But the LORD was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the LORD made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden. Genesis 39:21

B) Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1

V) Keep an _____ when I feel like giving up.

A) See Genesis 41:1-44

B) For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18