

The Shaping of a Man

SUCCESS IN PRISON

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Genesis 39:20-21 “While Joseph was in prison, the Lord was with him;”

Psalms 119:71 “It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I may learn Thy statutes.”

SUMMARY:

While only some end up spending time in a jail cell, every man does some “time” in enduring circumstances or experiences that he doesn’t want to be in. Learning how to handle the confining places of a life is a critical lesson.

NOTES:

REMEMBER that regardless of where you are—God is with you—He hasn’t, and He won’t forget you.

CHOOSE not to WITHDRAW in discouragement, or ERUPT in anger when you end up in a confining circumstance.

EMBRACE God’s purpose for your life—even when you’re in a difficult place.

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question: What confining places have you been in?

Discussion:

- Why is it easy to forget God’s presence when we are in confining places?
- When in a confining place, do you tend to withdraw or erupt? Why?
- Do you usually learn more through comfortable experiences or difficult ones? Why?

APPLICATION:

Make a list of each “confining place” in your life.

Identify at least one eternal purpose that you can accomplish while in the confining place.

ON YOUR OWN...

2 Corinthians 12: 1-10
1 Peter 2: 20-22

James 1:2-4

We appreciate Dan Johnson presenting out material today.