

RIGHT...FROM THE BEGINNING

Joseph – Facing Discouragement Head-on

Genesis 40:1-41:1 & Various Scriptures

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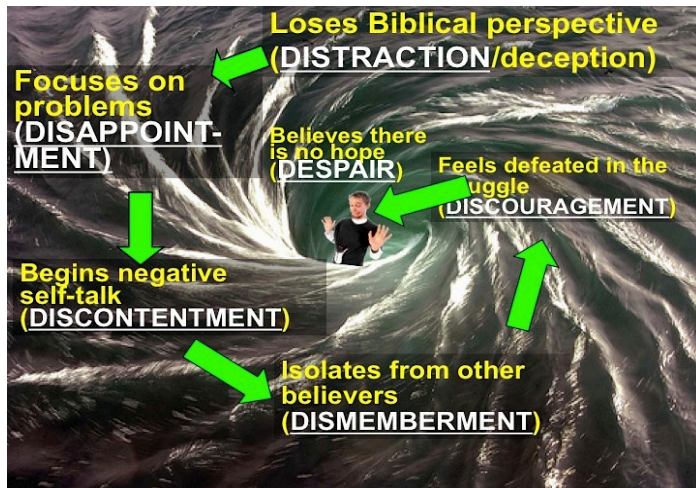
Bottom Line:

Sometimes life can become discouraging and perplexing. This, however, does not mean that God has forgotten you or that your life is outside of His control. Continue to walk by faith, one step at a time.

1. *We should not be _____ by times of discouragement. Genesis 40:1-41:1*

2. *We ultimately _____ how we respond to discouragement. Genesis 40:8*

The downward spiral of discouragement:



3. *We must be strengthened by God's _____ during times of discouragement. Genesis 41:1*

Now what? Action steps for defeating discouragement:

1. _____ the Lord and nourish your spirit.
Psalm 73:15-16; 23-28
2. Develop a balanced life of personal growth and significant ministry! Luke 5:15-16
3. Reject paralyzing _____ thinking that isn't from the Lord. 2 Timothy 1:7
4. Examine the goals that "drive" your life.
2 Corinthians 4:5; 1 Corinthians 9:24
5. Develop and strengthen significant _____ which add greatly to the quality of your life.
1 Thessalonians 5:11; 1 Corinthians 15:33
6. Train yourself to identify opportunities to serve others.
Philippians 2:1-5
7. Trust God's bigger eternal _____ in the midst of temporary struggles. Isaiah 55:9