

Sunday, July 18,2021
“Already In the Pits, Don’t Let Disappointment Avalanche.”
Genesis 40:1-23

I. Don’t Let Disappointment Avalanche You- Deny Discouragement to Freefall

A. Deny the urge within you to tolerate an inward hotbed of bitterness

1. His brothers forsook him. (37:24,28)
2. The Potiphar’s wife framed him. (39:19-20)
3. The butler forgot him. (40:14,23)

<But Joseph never allowed bitterness to germinate in his heart.>

B. Deny the urge to retaliate outwardly.

<The desire and passion for revenge may not destroy others, but it will certainly destroy you.>

C. Deny the urge to even secretly blame God.

<Don’t put God “on trial” or blame him for what has happened in our lives.>

<Don’t blame God for not “stopping” a tragedy within us.>

D. Deny apathy the privilege of stopping you from serving God even when it seems you took a demotion. (v.1)

II. Don’t Let Disappointment Avalanche You- Apply Undeniable Truths

A. Apply the truth that we can always rest on God’s promises.

B. Apply the truth that we can always rejoice in God’s Providence.

C. Apply the truth that encouragement to others always pays dividends.

D. Apply the truth that God’s care can never diminish. (v.9-13)

E. Apply the truth that God never has and never will lose control in the life of a believer. (v.23)

F. Apply the truth that when we fear the Lord, we will obediently wait on Him.

<God has lessons for us that we can only learn through waiting.>