

JOSEPH FROM THE PIT TO THE PINNACLE



"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

Do you know the Lord well enough that you have begun to know His ways?



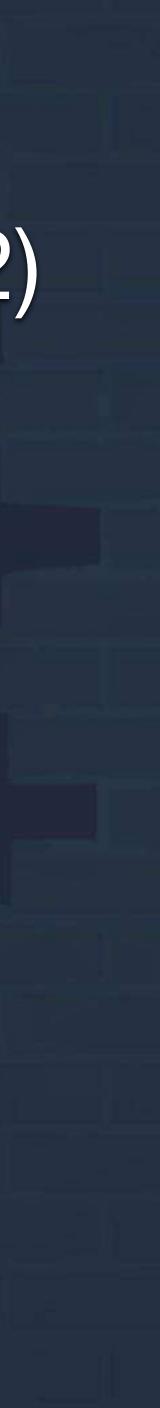


God will take care of His people but His people have to trust in Him.



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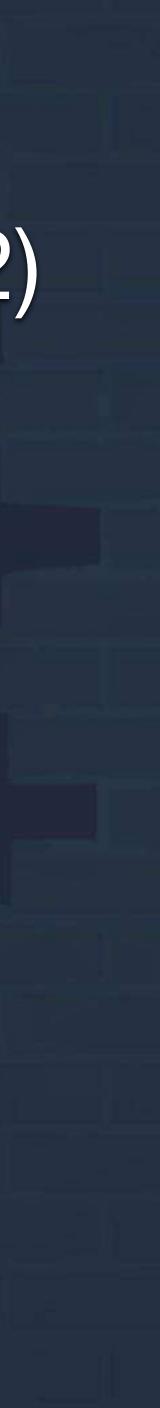
"I went to church and sat on the velvet pew. I watched as the sun came shining through the stained glass windows. The minister dressed in a velvet robe opened the golden gilded Bible, marked it with a silk bookmark and said, 'If any man will be my disciple, said Jesus, let him deny himself, take up his cross, sell what he has, give it to the poor, and follow me."

Soren Kierkegaard in his book And I looked Around and Nobody Was Laughing



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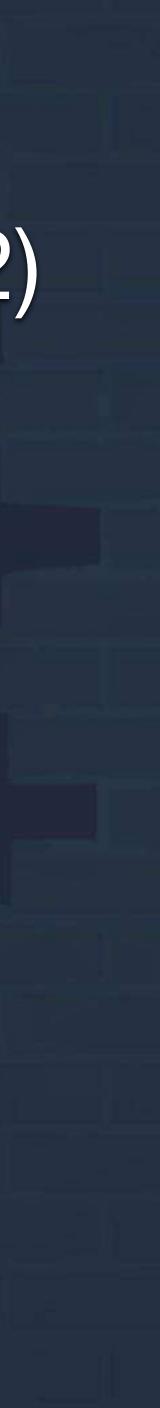


"Many Christians are confronted with change and they suspect that God may be leading but they never pause to ask him whether He is or not and as a result they often go off in a wrong direction and waste precious years of their life."

James Montgomery Boice in his commentary on Genesis

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#2 IN YOUR MOMENT OF INDECISION YOU MUST LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD (46:2-4)

A. God's Word shows you your potential "Jacob! Jacob!" (Gen. 46:2)



"I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

Jeremiah 29:11

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"Whatever low or dark valley we are called into at any time, we may be confident, if God goes down with us into it, that he will surely bring us up again. If he goes down to death, he will surely bring us up again to glory."

Matthew Henry

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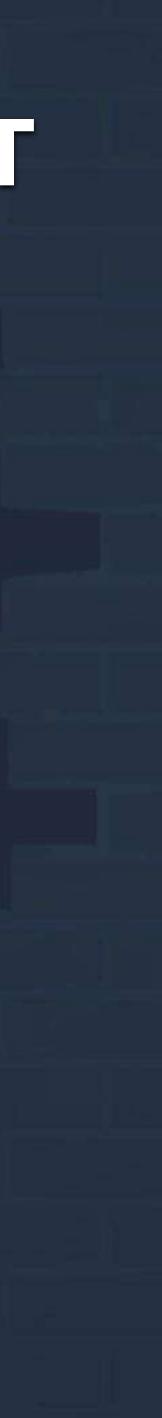
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#3 IN YOUR MOMENT OF INDECISION YOU MUST OBEDIENTLY FOLLOW GOD'S WAYS (46:5-7)

A. Obedience always involves actionsB. Obedience often involves leadership







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