

**Reading:** Genesis 50:14-22

**Topic:** Promotion From God

**INTRODUCTION:** When we believe that we have a \_\_\_\_\_ from God to fulfill, we often are so anxious to fulfill it that we may make the \_\_\_\_\_ of trying to run ahead.

## I. CALLED – FOR SURE:

### A. Joseph's Call:

1. There was no doubt that God had a special calling on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Joseph, and it was revealed to him by a special \_\_\_\_\_ that God gave unto him. Gen. 37:5-7
2. God reinforced the calling on Joseph's life with yet another \_\_\_\_\_ of immense proportion and it moved Joseph to \_\_\_\_\_ it to his family. Gen. 37:9

### B. Our Call:

1. After we have been saved, we are all chosen and \_\_\_\_\_ by God into some form of ministry that involves reaching and discipling \_\_\_\_\_ souls. Jn. 15:16
2. Our call may be to some form of service for the \_\_\_\_\_ that is unseen by most eyes, or it may be a ministry that is up front and \_\_\_\_\_ to others. Mk. 10:42-45
3. God uses various means to place His call upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of an individual – an inner sense of a certain \_\_\_\_\_, a burden or for a few, a vision or a dream. Acts 16:9,10

## II. THE WAITING TIME:

### A. Joseph' Mistake:

1. Joseph was sincere and knew that his strange \_\_\_\_\_ were from God, but like all human beings, he was ready to begin leading right \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Joseph's attempt at self-promotion by telling his brothers and parents those \_\_\_\_\_ was not met with excitement and enthusiasm as he \_\_\_\_\_. Gen. 37:8,10
3. Perhaps Joseph thought that by telling his \_\_\_\_\_ that he would automatically gain the position of a ruler right away.

### B. Joseph's Long Wait:

1. Joseph's life took a downward direction for the next number of years:
  - a. down into a \_\_\_\_\_. Gen. 37:23,24
  - b. down into \_\_\_\_\_. Gen. 37:28
  - c. down into \_\_\_\_\_. Gen. 39:1
  - d. down into \_\_\_\_\_. Gen 39:20
2. The only thing that kept Joseph going was the fact that the \_\_\_\_\_ was with him through all of the hard trials, which were all \_\_\_\_\_ of God's preparation for the future. Gen. 39:2,21

### C. Our Waiting Time:

1. From the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's call on our life, we are anxious to begin our ministry right away for we are certain of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
2. However, God knows that preparation is absolutely necessary for us before that we are \_\_\_\_\_ to step into the area of \_\_\_\_\_ that God has called us to. Gal. 1:15-18

3. The greater the ministry that we are called to do, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the more strenuous will be the preparation for the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. From the time that Joseph had his \_\_\_\_\_ until they were fulfilled, twenty-three \_\_\_\_\_ had passed by, yet he stayed \_\_\_\_\_ and faithful to God. Gen. 39:7-9

### III. FINALLY – PROMOTION FROM GOD:

#### ***A. The Prison:***

1. Joseph thought that his big chance came when he was in prison and ended up as a fellow \_\_\_\_\_ to two men who were direct employees of the \_\_\_\_\_. Gen. 40:1-3
2. Joseph depended upon the king's cupbearer to put in a good \_\_\_\_\_ to the king when he went back to work in the palace but the man \_\_\_\_\_ about Joseph, not for two \_\_\_\_\_ but for two whole \_\_\_\_\_. Gen. 40:13,14,23

#### ***B. The Promotion – Came From God:***

1. When finally Joseph's opportunity came, it was completely designed and orchestrated by the \_\_\_\_\_ Himself without any effort or \_\_\_\_\_ on Joseph's part. Gen. 41:1,8-13
2. After twenty-three \_\_\_\_\_ of waiting, Joseph went from being a \_\_\_\_\_ in the dungeon to being the second in command in the land of \_\_\_\_\_ in one day. Gen. 41:14,39-41

#### ***C. Promotion Comes From God:***

1. When you have a call and a \_\_\_\_\_ to do for God, you will not have to \_\_\_\_\_ doors to open on your behalf, but God will do it for you. I Cor. 16:9
2. True promotion does not come from yourself or from \_\_\_\_\_ but from the Lord, and though He may cause you to wait for a long time, that time is really your preparation \_\_\_\_\_ for the future. Ps. 75:  
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**CONCLUSION:** There is a \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone to do, and there is also a necessary preparation by God required in order for us to be His effective \_\_\_\_\_.