



The Valley of Delay

Main Scripture: Gen 39; 46:1

Additional Scriptures: Jas 1:1-3; 1 Pet 5:6; Heb 6:12

Discussion Questions

Joseph is called to change the world, but he is not ready. God gave him a vision as a young man, but Joseph did not know that he had to walk through the valley of delay. Everyone that God will use will go through this valley.

STRIPPING

- Why do you think that most people have a hard time with patience and waiting on God?
- What are some principles that become evident to you in a real way when you understand God's timing?
- What was special about the coat of many colors that Joseph received from his father?
- Why did this cause such animosity among his brothers?
- When the coat is taken from him, what point do you think God wants Joseph to learn? How will this help to develop his character?

WRESTLING

- What do you do when you receive a promise from God and you do not see it fulfilled for a long time?
- How do you wrestle with the "waiting" and not lose heart?
- When Abraham and Sarah took matters in their own hands, Ishmael was born. How do you avoid the same fate and not produce an "Ishmael" problem? Give some clear examples.

TRANSFORMATION

- What do you think Joseph learned through the years of waiting?
- What does the valley of delay teach you?
- What are some of the differences between the life of Joseph and King Saul, Israel first king?