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Title: GOD, WHAT?

TEST: Isaiah 45:3 "I will give you the treasures of darkness, And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel."

Introduction

The purpose of hardship, dark places of our lives and negative circumstances is not to destroy us, but to bring us to a place of willingness to lay down our plans (studies/vocation), dreams, and desires so that God can use them and reveal the hidden treasure.

- For Moses, God "breaks" his staff (Exodus 4)
- For Saul, God uses circumstantial setbacks / situations that seem very incidental (1 Samuel 9-10)
- For Joseph, God had to do extensive breaking and preparation in his life to make him ready.

Joseph had a tremendous calling on his life that ultimately resulted in his becoming a physical and spiritual provider over nations.

The Joseph Process

Many people have to go through great trials in their lives as part of a calling by God to be a "Joseph" in their day.

Joseph's years of trials and testing were designed to remove any vestiges of pride in his life and to build an unshakable relationship with God.

Conclusion

For Paul, it was Arabia for 3 years, for Moses it was 40 years in the desert, for Joseph it was 13 years in Egypt. As God's Joseph, we go through trials so that we can be fully yielded to His purpose.

Has God brought you into a desert? The desert is only a season in your life. Don't fear the desert. It is there that you will begin to experience the reality of a living God as never before.