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IS WHERE THE HARD IS

THE MUSTARD SEED

ROMANS 8:18

“For I reckon that **the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us.”**

THE MUSTARD SEED

**"Everything is going
to be alright."**

JOSEPH (GEN. 37-50)

"...his brothers...**stripped him of his robe**... And they took him and **threw him into a pit**..." (37:23,24).

"...**he**...**came in to me to lie with me**, and...he left his garment beside me and fled..." (39:14,15).

"And Joseph's master took him and **put him into the prison**... and **he was there in prison**..." (39:20).

"...the...cupbearer **did not remember Joseph**, but **forgot him**...[for] **two full years**..." (40:23; 41:1).

JOSEPH (GEN. 37-50)

"And **Jehovah was with Joseph** and he became a successful man..." (39:2).

"And...**Jehovah was with him**..." (3a).

"**Jehovah made all that he did...prosper**..." (3b).

"**But Jehovah was with Joseph** and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison" (21).

JOSEPH (GEN. 37-50)

“So Joseph said to his brothers... ‘I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for **God sent me** before you to preserve life... And **God sent me** before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth... So it was not you who sent me here, but God... As for you, **you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good**, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today...” (45:3-8; 50:20)

PAUL (2 COR. 4:7-18; 11:16-28; 12:7-10)

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves; We are *afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ... knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence...*

PAUL (2 COR. 4:7-18; 11:16-28; 12:7-10)

Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day. For our *light affliction*, which is *for the moment*, works for us more and more exceedingly **an eternal weight of glory**; while **we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen**: for the things which are seen are *temporal*; but **the things which are not seen are eternal**" (2 COR. 4:7-18).

JOB (JOB 1-37)

“Behold, I go *forward*, but **He is not**
[**there**], and *backward*, but **I cannot**
perceive Him; on the *left* hand when
He is working, **I cannot behold Him**;
He turns to the *right* hand, but **I do not**
see Him...” (JOB 23:8,9).

JOB (JOB 1-37)

*"But He knows the way I take;
when He tries me, **I shall come
forth as gold**" (JOB 23:10).*

THE ULTIMATE EXAMPLE

HEBREWS 12:1-3

“Therefore...let us also *lay aside every weight...* and let us *run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking to JESUS,*** the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, **who** *for the joy that was set before Him* **endured the cross,** despising the shame...”

THE ULTIMATE HOPE

ROMANS 8:24,25

"For in this HOPE were we saved: but hope that is seen is not hope: for who hopes for that which he sees? **But if we hope for that which we do not see, then do we with patience wait for it."**