



The Furnace of Affliction?

Lessons from Josephs Refining

GENESIS 39-41

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*Isaiah 48:10 See, I have refined you, though not as silver;
I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.*

1. REFINED: Trusting His Presence

Genesis 39

2. REFINED: Trusting His Timing

Genesis 40

*Psalm 27:14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the
Lord.*

3. REFINED: Trusting His Purpose

Genesis 41



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Discussion Questions

1. What did you take away from your own study of Genesis 39-41 or from today's lesson? What reflections do you have? What did you learn?
2. How does having God's presence with you in difficulty help you? What does his promise to "never leave you or forsake you" mean to you?
3. Is there an area of your life where you are being refined? What is God teaching you during the waiting? What have you learned about yourself and God?
4. In Joseph's life, we see that God wasted nothing. He used even the most difficult circumstances to shape Joseph and bring him to exactly where God had planned for him. How does this give you hope as you seek to trust His purpose in your life?