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Parable of the Proving

How is the kingdom of God
like making bread?

Roles

1. The baker
2. The dough
3. The proving drawer

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Actions

1. Kneading
2. Stretching
3. Window Pane Test
4. Proving

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Variables

1. Kind of flour
2. Shape
3. Time to prove

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Principle #1

God created seasons for specific reasons, and to fight against them is to miss out on His purpose and plan.

Genesis 1:14

Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years”

Ecclesiastes 3:1,4

**A time to give birth, and a time
to die.**

**A time to weep and a time to
laugh, a time to mourn and a
time to dance**

Ecclesiastes 3:6,7,8

**A time to search and a time to
give up as lost...**

**A time to be silent and a time to
speak...**

**A time for war and a time for
peace**

Principle #2

**To understand God's will,
we must first discover what
season we are in.**

1 Chronicles 12:32

The Sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do...

Principle #3

To fulfil God's will, we must embrace our season and not waste a moment of it.

Ecclesiastes 7:14

**In the day of prosperity be
happy, but in the day of adversity
consider-**

**God has made the one as well as
the other, so that man will not
discover anything that will
happen after him.**

2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word; be ready in
season and out of season;
reprove, rebuke, exhort, with
great patience and instruction.

Principle #4

To receive God's will we must exercise patience, especially in the seasons when we need it the most.

Psalm 25:3

Indeed, none of those who wait
for You will be ashamed...

Habakkuk 2:3

The vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens towards the goal and it will not fail. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

**No better example in the
Bible than the story of
Joseph**

Genesis 37:2

Joseph, when he was seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers while he was still a youth, along with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives.

Genesis 37:2

And Joseph brought back
a bad report about them
to their father.

Genesis 37:4

His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and so they hated him and could not speak to him on friendly terms.

Genesis 37:5

Then Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more.

Genesis 37:23-24

So it came about, when Joseph reached his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of the multicolored tunic that was on him; and they took him and threw him into the pit.

Genesis 37:28

Then some Midianite traders passed by, so they pulled him up and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for 20 shekels of silver. Thus they brought Joseph into Egypt.

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Genesis 39:1

Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there.

Genesis 39:2

The Lord was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.

Genesis 39:3-4

Now his master saw that the Lord was with him and how the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hand. So Joseph found favor in his sight...and all that he owned he put in his charge.

Genesis 39:8

But he refused and said to his master's wife, 'behold, with me here, my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my charge.'

Genesis 39:9

‘There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?’

Genesis 39:11

Now it happened one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside.

Genesis 39:20

So Joseph's master took him and
put him into the jail, the place
where the king's prisoners were
confined; and he was there in
jail.

Genesis 39:21

But the Lord was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

Genesis 39:22

The chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible for it.

Genesis 39:23

The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made to prosper.

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Genesis 40:8

Then they said to him, 'we have had a dream and there is no one to interpret it.' Then Joseph said to them, 'Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell it to me, please.'

Genesis 40:14

Only keep me in mind when it goes well with you, and please do me a kindness by mentioning me to Pharaoh and get me out of this house.

Genesis 40:15

For I was in fact kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing that they should have put me into the dungeon.

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Genesis 41:16

Joseph then answered Pharaoh,
saying, 'it is not in me;
God will give Pharaoh
a favorable answer.'

Genesis 41:40

You shall be over my house,
and according to your command
all my people shall do homage;
only in the throne I will be
greater than you.

Genesis 40:44

Though I am Pharaoh, yet
without your permission no one
shall raise his hand or foot in all
the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:46

Now Joseph was thirty years old
when he stood before Pharaoh,
king of Egypt.

Principle #5

When we finally see what God was doing in our lives, and how He was preparing us to be used by Him, we must glorify His name and tell our story!

Genesis 45:5

Now do not be grieved or angry
with yourselves, because you
sold me here, for God sent me
before you to preserve life.

Genesis 45:6

For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

Genesis 45:7

God sent me before you to
preserve for you a remnant in the
earth, and to keep you alive by a
great deliverance.

Genesis 45:8

Now, therefore, it was not you
who sent me here, but God; and
He has made me a father to
Pharaoh and lord of all his
household and ruler over all the
land of Egypt.

Psalm 105:16-17

And He called for a famine upon the land; He broke the whole supply of bread. He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

Psalm 105:18-19

They bruised his feet with shackles, his neck was put in a collar of iron; Until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord proved (tested) him.

My Current Season

- Promised position
- Left everything I knew
- Broken promises and unrepentant sin
- Western Seminary
- Vision for the future

Proof in the Proving

It's not a matter of "if" we will wait on God, it's a matter of "how" we will wait.

So, how are you waiting in the proving drawer?

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

James 1:22

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

Principle #6

If we fight against the seasons
God created, the shaping of His
hands, the time of testing...

We can still receive His will,
it's just going to cause
unnecessary pain and delay 😊

Revelation 3:19

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

Principle #7

We will see God's complete and perfect will in eternity when we rise as He did, and are tested no more.

Hebrews 11:39

All these were commended
through their faith, did not
receive what was promised...

1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see in a mirror dimly,
but then face to face. Now I
know in part; then I will know
fully, even as I have been fully
known.

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**Nothing but our trials and perils
would ever have led some of us
to know Him as we do, to trust
Him as we have...**

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**Difficulties and obstacles are
God's challenges to faith...
as we go forward, simply
and fully trusting Him,**

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we may be tested,
we may have to wait
and let patience
have her perfect work;

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But we shall surely find at last
the stone rolled away, and the
Lord waiting to render unto us
double for our time of testing.

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