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(Genesis 37:19-20) "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

✓ Even if it didn't _____.

(1 Timothy 1:12-13) I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

✓ Even if the journey is _____.

(Romans 8:28) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

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(Habakkuk 2:3 LB) These things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!

Along the Way

(Galatians 6:9) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

1. _____ and value the _____.

(1 Peter 1:6-7 NLT) So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

(James 1:2-3) Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

2. _____ to let _____ stop me.

(Genesis 50:20) You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good...

(Luke 17:1 NKJV) Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come..."

(Ephesians 6:12) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

3. _____ God is always _____.

(Genesis 39:2) The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered...

(Genesis 39:20-21) The LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor...

(Psalm 139:8-10) If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

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