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At the End of Your Rope? - The Story of Joseph

Joseph was in a pit, a slave in Egypt, in prison, then before the leader of the land, Pharaoh.

We may have visions of Joseph hanging on to the end of his rope, wondering how he got there and how much longer he could hang on.

Have you ever been there?

Are you at the end of your rope, through no fault of your own?

Are you wondering if things could get any worse and wondering how much longer you can hang on.

I don't think that Joseph was at the end of his rope.

I think early on he had _____ of his rope, _____ himself on God and _____ put himself in God's hands.

Let's look at Joseph's story in the scriptures:

- Potiphar's house - Gen. 39:9 My Master has made me almost equal to him in his house. I cannot sleep with his wife! That is wrong! It is a sin against _____.
(ESV)

- Prison - Gen 40:8b Joseph said to them, "_____ is the only one who can understand and explain dreams. So I beg you, tell me your dreams." (ESV)
- Before Pharaoh - Gen 41:16 Joseph answered, "I cannot! But _____ can explain the dream for you Pharaoh." (ESV)
- Revealing himself to brothers - Gen 45:4b-5 He said to them, "I am your brother Joseph. I am the one you sold as a slave to Egypt. Now don't be worried. Don't be angry with yourselves for what you did. It was _____ for me to come here. I am here to save people's lives.
- Joseph was totally centered on God and full trusted God's plan for his life.

Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. **Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)**

We know what God works all thing together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28 (CEB))**

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Let go of my old life and ask Jesus to be my Savior and Lord.
- Center my life, activities and desires on God.
- Let go of the rope I'm holding onto now and put my trust in God
- Meditate/Memorize Romans 8:28 – We know what God works all thing together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose.