

JOJO'S SILTY DELIVERANCE

God's deliverance is:

Stunning, Incomprehensible, Long in coming, and Trustworthy.

Stunning

The good God brings about is amazing and beyond our expectations.

Genesis 41:39-40 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. ⁴⁰ You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you." NIV84

Genesis 41:50-52 Before the years of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On. ⁵¹ Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household." ⁵² The second son he named Ephraim and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering." NIV84

Job 42:10 After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before. NIV84

Job 42:12a The LORD blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. NIV84

Incomprehensible

God's goals and method of achieving those goals often don't make sense to us.

Long

God's deliverance is often long in coming according to our perspective.

Trustworthy

God does what he says he is going to do.

- Through his promises we can trust him to do what he said.
- By his character we can trust him to do good and right.

Genesis 37:9 Then [Joseph] had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." NIV84

Job 13:15a Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him. NIV84

Daniel 3:16-18 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." NIV84

When we have these truths to hold onto, we can...

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