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# Closing Thoughts

Joseph could not be persuaded to deviate from the path of righteousness and trample upon God's law. He had a defense in God, and so do we. God is always a present help. David understood this:

God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; *Though* the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. (Psalm 46:1-3)

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Because of God's abiding presence and power, Joseph was cheerful though imprisoned. God had been with his father when alone and far from home due to his own sinful actions. Joseph was in a similar situation, except he was innocent and falsely accused. Surely God would be with him. Joseph's faith led him to be at peace and even positive in his cruel prison cell. Looking back on it he could see his imprisonment was, in fact, part of God's great plan, for here it was that he met Pharaoh's butler and baker!

May we remember the example of Joseph as we meet the trials and temptations of each day. They are all part of God's great plan to develop our characters. May we all be faithful as was Joseph!

As the mountains *are* round about  
Jerusalem, so the Lord *is* round about  
his people from henceforth even for  
ever. (Psalm 125:2)

Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace,  
*whose mind is stayed on thee*: because  
he trusteth in thee. (Isaiah 26:3)

Great peace have they which love thy  
law: and nothing shall offend them.  
(Psalm 119:165)

But they that wait upon the Lord shall  
renew *their* strength; they shall mount  
up with wings as eagles; they shall run,  
and not be weary; *and* they shall walk,  
and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)