**Prosperity Through Suffering: The Prison**

Genesis 39:21-40:4

**I. The Lord gave Joseph favor**

It is God’s favor on Joseph that allows him to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ even in the darkest of places.

In Jesus’ darkest hour, with the cross looming over him, he still \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Father.

God is able in wisdom and power to use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things to accomplish his perfect purpose and will.

Though this life is full of bad things, our God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all things new.

**II. Joseph served the prisoners**

Just as Joseph had success in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a servant, the same thing happens in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Joseph had risen in the ranks of the prison and became a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The title ‘servant of Christ’ should be worn like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Application**

1) Our circumstances can be difficult, seemingly unfair, and painful, but we are called in Christ to remain faithful to God through it all. (1 Peter 4:19)

2) The Lord’s will is perfect. Joseph was chosen to suffer because a famine was coming and a Messiah had been promised.

3) Remain steadfast in ministry, seeking to serve others in the name of Christ, for this is his will for the church. (Matthew 23:11-12)