

# Strings

## Pt. 3 - The Tapestry

Psalm 139:15, My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

- God sovereignly chooses the strings he uses to weave our lives together.

Quote - Everything is about everything. (D Duron)

Example - Success, failure, pleasure, pain, joy, sorrow, elation, disappointment, favor, scrutiny, friendship, betrayal, etc.

Romans 8:28, And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Example - Joseph (Dreams and Favor)

Note - The coat, Sold by his brothers, falsely accused by his master's wife, imprisoned, forgotten by his friend, etc.

Genesis 50:20, You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

### **3 Things to Remember in the Loom**

1. Trust.

Example - David and the census

2 Samuel 24:14, "I'm in a desperate situation!" David replied to Gad. "But let us fall into the hands of the LORD, for his mercy is great. Do not let me fall into human hands."

Note - Will you trust him when He doesn't seemed positioned right in your life?

Proverbs 3:4-5, Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Note - Let this tapestry become the ephod that helps you hear from God.

1 Samuel 2:18, But Samuel, though he was only a boy, served the LORD. He wore a linen garment like that of a priest.

2. Thankfulness.

Example - Job

Job 2:10, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"

1 Thessalonians 5:18, Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Note - IN all things not FOR all things.

Example - Phil's apple

Note - Let this tapestry become your garment of praise.

Isaiah 61:3, ...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

3. Tenacity.

Example - Joseph (Brothers, Potiphar, jailer, Pharaoh, dad)

James 1:12, Happy are those who remain faithful under trials, because when they succeed in passing such a test, they will receive as their reward the life which God has promised to those who love him.

Note - Let this tapestry become your robe of righteousness.

Job 29:14, I put on righteousness, and it clothed me,  
my just dealing was like a robe...

- Don't lose heart when all you can see is the back  
half of the tapestry.

Note - Loose strings, frayed mess, disarray, tangled  
disorder, etc.

2 Corinthians 4:18, So we fix our eyes not on what is  
seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is  
temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.