‘Where is God in a messed up world?’

‘...in a bitter disappointment?’

Genesis 40

The senselessness of suffering...

[Joseph’s] feet were hurt with fetters;
his neck was put in a collar of iron;
until what he had said came to pass,
the word of the Lord tested him.
(Psalm 105:18-19)

1. God uses hard times to mature his servants...

faithfulness in small things[1]

faithfulness in speaking God’s word[2]

faith in God alone[3]

2. ...as we trust in God to lift us up at the proper time[4]

[1] Matthew 25:21.
[2] Jeremiah 6:14.
[3] Hebrews 2:10; 5:8.
[4] Hebrews 12:2; 1 Peter 5:6.