

Water of Life Community Church

JOURNEY INTO DESTINY

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

WEEK 5

GENESIS 40

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Destiny, from Joseph's struggles to his successes, greatly changed the course of Jacob and his family line. Joseph lived out of the fullness of what God had ordained for his life while perhaps Jacob did not. Yet God still fulfilled His promises (Word). Often, when we think of destiny, we only considerate it as it relates to ourselves or our immediate family.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ GENESIS 47:6-7; GENESIS 48:14.

- a. What was Joseph's impact on his two son's destinies?**
- b. If tradition was for the first born son to receive the Father's blessing, why did God allow Menassah, Jacob, and Isaac all to receive the blessing since they were not the first born?**
- c. What was Joseph's impact on his brothers' lives? (the 12 tribes of Israel)**
- d. What might have changed if Joseph had chosen to be angry with God for all the trials and injustices against him in his early life?**

2. READ GENESIS 47:8-11.

- a. Based on how Jacob received his inheritance and blessing from Isaac, what is he saying about his life's journey at this point?
- b. Why does Jacob draw a comparison to his "fathers" life span who lived 180 and 175 years?
- c. Joseph's life was touched by the Word of God. God tested him until the prophetic word came to pass. What test are you enduring right now? Do you see it leading to a prophetic word for you?
- d. Pastor says "You have to have character to support destiny." How does God's word build your character? How does it lead to your destiny?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- How much of our lives do we live out in fear vs. faith in Gods promises?
- Will my life pass down blessings or curses to my children and grandchildren?

TAKING IT HOME

What has God spoken over you that you have yet to experience? Ask God today to remind you of the destiny He has for you. Then, surrender to Him and let Him work it out for you. Philippians 3:12 speaks of "laying hold" of what God has for you. How can you do that today?

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MEMORY VERSE

Phil 3:12

"I press on that I may lay hold of what Christ has laid hold of me."