

Water of Life Community Church

JOURNEY INTO DESTINY

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

WEEK # 8

GENESIS 41

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

The United States is one of the most prosperous nations in the entire world. The real test for a believer is not when they are broke, but when they are prosperous. People tend to lean more into God during times of adversity. However, when they are prosperous, sometimes they tend to develop an attitude of being self-sufficient. They may forget about serving God and refrain from sowing into the things that uplift and expand the Kingdom of God. The biggest test of prosperity is keeping integrity and maintaining faithfulness to God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ GENESIS 41:25-45.

- a. When God delayed His promises with Joseph, and when it appears the same for us, does that mean that He forgotten our ultimate destiny and purpose in life?
- b. When the Lord opens a door for a promotion on a job with a pay increase or blesses your business financially, how should you respond?

c. Why do we seek wisdom from the Holy Spirit rather than from self-help books or principles of the law of attraction (a philosophy suggesting positive thoughts bring positive results into people's lives)?

d. What principles did we see in budgeting and saving with Joseph and Pharaoh?

2. READ GENESIS 41:53-57.

a. Once Joseph came into power and prosperity, how did he use his position to bless others?

b. What are some of the key godly characteristics that Joseph exhibits in this "prosperity test?"

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

Pastor spoke of how Joseph had his house in order and lived within his means, not above them. Is God showing you ways where you might have room to adjust the "order of your house?" Take time to pray that each person would aim to live by the Spirit and keep in step with the Spirit. Pray for one another that each group member would do the things now that will result in being positioned to bless others when the time is right.

TAKING IT HOME

Read Philippians 4:10-14. Sudden elevation can possibly lead to pride and a fall. The most exciting test of all is to survive the prosperity test. Reflect back on a time when you were prosperous and a time when you were also in need. How did you handle these situations? What has God shown you about your ability to be content in need and in plenty?

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MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 1:7

"Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."