THE JOURNEY TO DESTINY PART 6
THE LIFE OF JOSEPH
GENESIS 40
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INTRODUCTION

- Your spiritual potential will be tested.
- Genesis 40:1-3, "…the cupbearer and the baker for the King of Egypt offended their Lord…so he put them in confinement…the *same* place where Joseph was imprisoned."

I. ARE YOU A SERVANT LEADER?

- Joseph keeps getting promoted and serving.
- If you get to lead, do you serve others or yourself?
- We are all tested by power.
- Power and promotion belong to God.
- Psalm 62:11, "…power belongs to God."
- John 19:10-11, "…Jesus answered, 'You would have no authority over me, unless it had been given you from above."
- When Joseph ends up running the asylum, he gets to serve the cupbearer and baker.
- Vs. 5 - Both had dreams in jail.
- Vs. 6 - Key – "Joseph observed them."
- Do you watch people so you can touch them?
- Their sad faces were an opportunity for God…
- Vss. 7-8 - A dream tied to destiny.

II. TWO DREAMS AND A DEAD END

- Vss. 9-13 - Dream #1; Vss.16-22 - Dream #2
- One man saved, one lost - picture of the cross.
- This is not an accident, but prophetic.
- Luke 23:39-43, "One of the criminals who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at him…but the other answered…'Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom!'…"
- Vs. 14 - "Remember me and get me outta here!"

III. DASHED DREAMS AND SHATTERED LIVES

- There are times God gives dreams and then takes them away to test us.
- Vs. 23 - "Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph but forgot him."
- Again, Joseph had done the right thing and again he was disappointed for two more years!
- Genesis 41:1, "Now it happened at the end of two full years that Pharaoh had a dream…"
- God never forgot him. He did test him to trust in Him alone.
- We all have two choices – get bitter and lose faith - become disillusioned.
- Or use the pain to get to God, to learn to trust.

CLOSE

- Psalm 62:5-8, "My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him…Trust in Him at all times…"