

BE TRULY SUCCESSFUL

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Read Genesis 39:2-5, 50:20

What is true success? There are three important things we can learn from Joseph about what it truly means to be successful.

PROBLEM OF MAN

In Genesis 37, we see that Joseph belonged to a dysfunctional family where his brothers greatly hated him for being his father's "favorite" to the point that they wanted to kill him. Eventually, this hatred led them to abuse Joseph: stripping him off his clothes, throwing him into a pit, and eventually selling him off as a slave.

Some people quit when faced with problems. However, these problems, along with trials and disappointments train us for life and success. We must embrace a divine perspective, seeing that we can face these things with joy in our hearts and knowing we are being taught to persevere and to trust in God (James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:6-7). When we know who God is and how much He loves us, we see problems in a new light. We learn to overcome failures and challenges!

PRESENCE OF GOD

Even though Joseph was sold as a slave, "the LORD was with Joseph" and caused all that he did to prosper (Genesis 39:3). When the wife of Potiphar pressured Joseph to commit adultery with her, Joseph decided to run away from temptation; he did not want to sin against God (v.7-9). Even with the persistence of Potiphar's wife, Joseph did not give in because he knew who God was in his life. Joseph was imprisoned because of this refusal, but the Lord remained with him and extended kindness to him (v.21).

True success is living a life pleasing to God and acknowledging the presence of God. Moses likewise understood the importance of God's presence and interceded for this in the wilderness (Exodus 33:14-

15). In God's presence there is fullness of joy (Psalm 16:11), peace, and confidence. Jesus also promised to be with us to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20) so that we may be confident in Him (Hebrews 13:5-6). We can function properly when we are conscious of God's presence — even in the midst of chaos.

PLAN OF GOD

Despite the challenges, Joseph had to learn to trust and believe that God had a plan. Even while he was in jail, Joseph still helped interpret the dreams of two people: Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker (Genesis 40:1-14). Their dreams revealed that the baker was to be put to death while the cupbearer was to be restored to his office. Joseph then requested the cupbearer to mention him to Pharaoh that he may be released (vv.14-15), but it took two years for him to do this — exactly when Pharaoh needed someone to interpret his dream (Genesis 41:1,9)! Joseph was released to interpret the king's dream, and wisely counseled to Pharaoh to prepare for a coming famine. Impressed by Joseph's wisdom, Pharaoh made him prime minister of Egypt (v.39-40, 46).

People will sometimes forget and disappoint us, but God never will. To be truly successful, we must avoid thinking that God is not good. We must embrace His presence even in the worst times (Psalm 27:13-14) and trust His plan. Even though it took 2 years for Joseph to be released, God's plan for him was still fulfilled. Joseph even declared that while his brothers did him harm, God superseded it and meant it for good by using him to save many lives during the famine (Genesis 50:20). Although Joseph's brothers sold him as a slave to Egypt, God used it to fulfill His greater purpose.

God causes all things to work together for our good and for His purpose (Romans 8:28), all we need to do is trust and love Him completely!

last week's memory verse

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

GENESIS 50:20

discuss this message

What did success mean to you before? How did it change after hearing the message?

When you see your problems through God's perspective, how will you respond to them?

Are you aligned to God's plan for your life? If not, what must you do today to align with God?

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God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9*

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13

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