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DISCOVERING GOD'S DIVINE PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

WEEK 6—THE ULTIMATE TEST IN LIFE • PERSEVERANCE • GEN. 39:13–40:23

After successfully passing two tests of stewardship, Joseph could well have expected the Lord to promote him to his next assignment. And by promote we mean, upward to a more prominent position. God had something else in mind. A test that is truly the Ultimate Test in Life, a test of Perseverance.

MESSAGE RESPONSE

- 1) What stood out for you from Sunday's message?
- 2) Was there anything you did not understand? What questions were raised for you?
- 3) How did the Holy Spirit speak to you?

GOING DEEPER

1) What has changed since you first began to dream about or imagine your future, maybe your future self and how you view those dreams today? What has changed since you became a Christian? How do you struggle with these questions and why?

2) Patience and Perseverance may seem to be the same thing, but are they? Read the following Scriptures and discuss the differences and the relationship between patience and perseverance (endurance)—Hebrews 12:1-2, Romans 5:3-4, Colossians 1:11, James 1:3-4 & Romans 8:28

3) God's goal with all of his children is to not only produce character in us but also reproduce the character of His Son in us. Character is not only how we act, it's how we react. Joseph did the right thing and yet he suffered by being sent to prison. Read Romans 5:3-5 again and this time discuss and share how God has been at work in your life to build character in you.

4) When we suffer, our hope should not be that God will deliver us from our circumstances, but that God will walk with us through them. In your own words, what does it mean to persevere with a right spirit? Does this mean that we should never feel discouraged?

5) What trial or tribulation are you dealing with right now in which you need to develop perseverance?

There is a very strong possibility that you or someone in your group this week is going through a trial or suffering and finding it very difficult to persevere. Take time to confess and pray for one another!

Key Scripture references from last weeks message

Gen. 39:13—40:23, Matt. 1:20-21, 22-23, 28:20, Psalm 105:16-19, John 16:33, Rom. 5:3-4, James 1:2-4