



# GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE

## WEEKLY ACTION STEP

Pray about one obstacle in your life that can become an opportunity. Discuss that obstacle and opportunity with a trusted person this week.

## BIG IDEA

"The Lord was with Him (Joseph)." Genesis 39:20b

## SCRIPTURE

Genesis 39:1 – 10,16 – 21

## OPENER

What is a dream in your life that is off the tracks? What can you do to get it back?

## QUESTIONS

1. Joseph is a faithful servant to Potiphar when Potiphar's wife tempts him (Genesis 39: 10), derailing Joseph's life. When have you dealt with a temptation that was unexpected, and how did you resist it? If you didn't resist it, what brought you back to God?
2. Can you think of a time in your life when you missed an opportunity because you didn't look at it from God's perspective and only focused on the obstacle? How does life look and feel to you when you obsess on your problem instead of obsessing on God's power?
3. Pastor John reminds us that God was with Joseph even in his darkest circumstances (slavery, prison, etc.). When have you experienced tough times but knew that God's presence was with you? How did that make a difference?
4. Pastor John challenged us to orientate (adjust, align) our hopes to God. Practically can you do that each day? What habit or pattern could you put in place to make this easier?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 4:18, Romans 12:2, and Philippians 4:8. These verses help us to think about the things that allow God to best use our lives. Paraphrase these verses into a sentence or two that you can use to remind yourself what to think about as you go through your day. Use those sentences as a prayer this week.



## TAKEAWAY

Every obstacle is an opportunity when God is with you.

- Obsess on God with you.
- Obey where He's placed you.
- Orientate your hopes to His.

## REFERENCES

2 Corinthians 4:18; 2 Timothy 4:8

## DIGGING DEEPER

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Like anybody, I would like to live...but I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will." Where have you avoided God's will even when you knew what you should do to fulfill it? What would our country look like now if every Christian was more concerned with following God's will rather than the length and comfort of their life? What is the first step you should take to move in this direction?
- Abraham Lincoln said, "...those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord...it behooves us then, to humble ourselves before [God], to confess our sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness." Read Ezra 9:6, Daniel 9:5, Isaiah 59:12, and 2 Chronicles 7:14 for biblical examples of national confession. Is it easier to confess our own sins or confess the sins of our nation? Why? What is the advantage to confessing national sins?
- Read the book of Jonah and compare his life to Joseph's life. Specifically, compare their faith in God, trust in God, obedience to God, their love for others, and their blessings and/or curses from God.