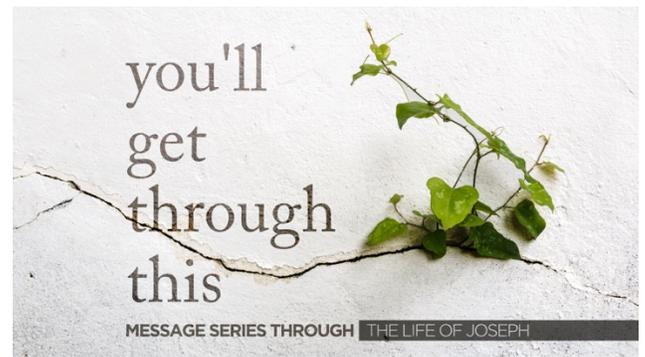


“Stupid Won’t Fix Stupid!”

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When God’s Blessings Bring Trouble

Genesis 39:6b-7

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!”

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

When Bad Things Happen to Righteous People

Genesis 39:8-20

But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?”

Character Testing / Leadership Training

Genesis 39:20b-23

But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. ²² So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³ The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph’s care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

Psalms 105:17-19 (NLT)

Then he sent someone to Egypt ahead of them— Joseph, who was sold as a slave. They bruised his feet with fetters and placed his neck in an iron collar. Until the time came to fulfill his dreams, the LORD tested Joseph’s character.

You’ll get through this.

It won’t be painless.

It won’t be quick.

But God can use this mess for good.

Don’t be foolish or naïve.

But don’t despair either.

With God’s help, you’ll get through this

- Max Lucado

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS:

SHARE: Have you ever gotten into trouble for doing what was right?

READ: Genesis 39:6-7. How did God's blessing bring trouble to Joseph?

READ: Genesis 39:8-10. What does this story tell you about Joseph's character?

READ: Proverbs 21:3. What do you think this verse means?

READ: Genesis 39:11-18. Have you ever been in Joseph's shoes? Have you ever been the person tempting others to do wrong?

READ: Genesis 39:19-20. How have you suffered for doing right?

READ: Genesis 39:21. How do the first five verses make all the difference? How have you seen God with you?

READ: Genesis 39:22-23 & Psalm 105:17-19.. If you were Joseph do you think it would be easy to think God had abandoned you? What was God up to in Joseph's life during his prison term?

DISCUSS: How has God used situations to test and prepare you for something ?

PRAY: