



WEEK 2 DISCUSSION GUIDE: JOSEPH'S EARLY LIFE IN EGYPT

LOOKING TO GOD'S WORD:

Read GENESIS 39. Share any SOAP Journal Entries from this passage.

1. How did God use Joseph's captivity for good (vv. 1-6)?
2. How was Joseph able to resist the temptation of Potiphar's wife day after day (vv. 7-18)?
3. Joseph was falsely accused by Potiphar's wife, and Potiphar believed his wife over Joseph, resulting in his imprisonment. Yet, how did God use this for good?
4. What does it mean that the Lord was "with Joseph"? (Verse 21)

LOOKING INWARD

5. Does God's favor always mean prosperity? Why or why not?
6. Have you ever been falsely accused? How did you handle it? What resulted from it?
7. What does Stephen have to say about Joseph and what God did for him in Acts 7:9-10? As you look back over this chapter, note the times God's favor and blessing on Joseph is mentioned. How does one gain favor?
8. Joseph lived a life of integrity and was faithful to God in the midst of prosperity and adversity. How do you think he kept his focus during those extremes?

PRAYER: To be faithful in the midst of prosperity and adversity.

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

Read: Genesis 40-41

S – Scripture – Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

O – Observation – Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

A – Application – Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

P – Prayer – Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.