

Week 3 – Intention

Ice Breaker

Share a time when you had to wait a long time for something you really wanted or felt you deserved. How did you respond during that waiting period?

Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 39:21–22: "But while Joseph was there in the prison, the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden... 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." How does this highlight God's faithfulness to Joseph even in difficult circumstances?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:6 - "In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials." The sermon states: "The most dangerous temptation is discouragement." How can focusing on rejoicing, even amidst trials, combat discouragement?
3. Read Genesis 40:8 - "We both had dreams," they answered, "but there is no one to interpret them." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams." What does Joseph's response reveal about his faith and trust in God during this difficult season?
4. Read Genesis 40:23 - "The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him." Have you ever felt forgotten or let down by someone, like Joseph was by the cupbearer? How did you respond? What can we learn from Joseph's continued faithfulness despite being forgotten for two more years?
5. The sermon states: "God is far more interested in my character than He is my comfort." Why is it important to understand God's higher priority of building godly character over just providing comfort? How does this reframe the purpose of the difficulties we face?

Key Takeaway or Action Item:

Identify one difficult circumstance or trial you are currently facing. Write down ways this trial could grow your character and deepen your faith. Commit to trusting God's work in your life, even when you can't see it fully.