

Trials to Triumph - Joseph

Small Group Questions: Making the Best of a Bad Situation

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Read

Genesis 39:20-23; 40:14, 23; 41:1,9, 14; John 1:4-5; Philippians 2:14-15; Psalm 40:1-3; 92:12-15; James 1:2-4

Reflect

Wrongly accused, Joseph lands in prison, and is forgotten there for a time. But, even under his circumstances, the Lord was with him and showed him favor. When was the last time you found yourself in a bad situation and you had to make the best of it?

This week, Pastor Greg Surratt offers three insights on how to make the best of a bad situation:

1. REALIZE THAT YOU CAN FLOURISH ANYWHERE.

- a. Read Genesis 39:20-23. What does “The Lord is with me” mean to you? How is this even more meaningful during hardships?
- b. What are some practical steps you can take to bring the light of Christ into your own situation?
- c. Read Philippians 2:14-15. How has God use you to shine his light into a dark situation, so that others may encounter the gospel?

2. ACCEPT THAT LIFE ISN'T FAIR.

- a. What does a fair life look like to you? How do you combat the thought that life isn't fair?
- b. In what ways have you felt forgotten and how have you seen God show up in your loneliness?
- c. How has your “being forgotten” resulted in actually being God's protection?

3. DON'T LOSE HOPE, BECAUSE YOUR TURN IS COMING.

- a. Pour Your Heart Out to God: How will our waiting periods feel different, if we believe that the Lord hears our cries?
- b. Reflect on God's Work In Your Life: If we avoid keeping score on the negative and focus on gratitude, how will we be better equipped to step into God's plan for our life?
- c. Stay Ready, Your Time is Coming: What does it mean to “let perseverance finish its work?” How can we connect the dots from trials to perseverance, to maturity to completeness, and to joy?
- d. Keep Showing Up: What inspiration can you draw from the story of Pastor Greg's father-in-law's lunchbox?

Respond:

Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?