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Joseph pt 2: Favor in Frustration

In this lesson you will learn three ways God worked in Joseph's life.

Intro: Your value comes from God. People might undervalue you, but God paid the highest price for you with the sacrifice of his son Jesus. You are God's masterpiece, and you are more valuable than you realize. Your purpose is right in front of you. Living a life of purpose begins with embracing the here and now. Your purpose is not your career. It is not tied to your vocation, location, or your salary. Your purpose is to bring glory to God. You are the light of the world, so in every season shine for the Lord.

I. Your Purpose is more important than your Position

- A. Your positions in life will change, but your purpose will remain the same. Purpose always outlasts your position. Your purpose is to lift up Jesus. Your purpose is to shine a light in a dark place. Your purpose is to honor God in all that you do. Titles and positions do not define us and cannot confine us. Joseph was not focused on where he was or what title he had. He was focused on pleasing God. Take the lid off your potential and start serving wherever God has you (Matt 23:11).

II. Develop your character through the Journey

- A. God's ability to bless you is not limited by your environment. Joseph's title did not change his character, but his character did change his title. Are you changing the world, or is the world changing you? The greatest title you will ever get is servant. Your serving time is never wasted time. Joseph allowed God to develop his character on the journey. Joseph outshined all the other workers and became employee of the month every month (Gen 39:3). God has a reward for your faithfulness. It's not about where we are. It's about who we are becoming on the journey.

III. Favor gets you Noticed

- A. Potiphar noticed God's hand of favor on Joseph. Favor can mean you get pulled out of your position, thrown in jail, or accused of wrongdoing unjustly. Can people see God in you at work no matter your position? Joseph honored Potiphar the authority over him. Joseph worked as unto the Lord even though he was under an ungodly leader (Col 3:23). Many people want to be discovered, but few are willing to be developed. If you want to live a life of impact, you have to be more committed to God's purpose for your future, than satisfying your desires of today. Favor can bring you attention in both good ways and bad.

Discussion Questions

1. Has your position or title ever distracted you from your purpose?
2. Are you allowing God to develop your character on the journey to your destiny?
3. What type of attention has favor caused you to receive in your life?