

## **WEEK 6 - JOSEPH**

## **OVERVIEW**

Joseph goes from a proud young man to a faithful servant as a result of great suffering.

"It is beyond my power to do this," Joseph replied. "But God can tell you what it means and set you at ease." So Pharaoh told Joseph his dream.

Genesis 41:16-17

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. "You were built to count, as water is made to run downhill. You are placed in a specific context to count in ways no one else does. That is your destiny." Dallas Willard, The Divine Conspiracy
  - a. What does this statement mean to you?
  - b. Have you ever considered your destiny or your calling? What do you think it is?
- 2. Dave said that four factors shape a person's destiny: life story, personality, skills or gifts, and passions.
  - a. What parts of Joseph's life story do you think pointed to his destiny? (Genesis 37:3-8, 37:23-28, 39:1-5, 39:19-23, 41:15-17, 41:37-41)
  - b. What personality traits do you see in Joseph?
  - c. What skills or gifts does Joseph have?
  - d. Name some of Joseph's passions.
- 3. What evidence do we have that Joseph remained faithful to God even when life was difficult?
- 4. In <u>Genesis 50:20 NKJV</u>, Joseph tells his brothers, "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." What has "God meant for good" through your life?
- 5. In what ways does your life "count"?
- 6. How do your life story, personality, skills or gifts, and passions point to your own destiny?
- 7. Do you feel like you are living into your calling or destiny? Why or why not? If not, what would need to happen for you to live this way?

## **RESOURCES**

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