Overcoming Life's Challenges

Lessons from the Life of Joseph



Overcoming Success: The Power of Integrity

Genesis 41

Overcoming Rejection: The Power of Courage **Overcoming Temptation:** The Power of Character **Overcoming Disappointment:** The Power of Trust **Overcoming Success:** The Power of Integrity **Overcoming Bitterness:** The Power of Forgiveness



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Being ready to confidently walk through the open doors God provides in your life

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 He was prepared because he chose to learn from the circumstances God placed in his life. "Praise God for the hammer, the file, and the furnace. The hammer molds us, the file sharpens us, and the fire tempers us."

-Samuel Rutherford

"It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until He has hurt him deeply."

-AW Tozer

Job 23:10

"But he knows the way that I take: when he has tried me, I will come forth as gold."

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- •He was prepared because he determined to walk with God on a daily basis in the midst of intense trials.

Lesson #1

Don't waste your trials or the time in God's waiting room.

2. Spiritual success means HUMILITY ...

Knowing the true source of your accomplishments

Jeremiah 32:17

"Ah Lord GOD! behold, you have made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for you:"

Lesson #2

Don't let pride keep you from God's best in your life. Absorb every humility lesson because pride and self-sufficiency are thieves that will only rob you of joy, significance and influence

3. Spiritual success means FAITH ...

Proclaiming the power of God (even in a hostile environment)

Lesson#3

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4. Spiritual success means DISCERNMENT ...

Recognizing where God's hand is at work and getting involved in God's program

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