

The Life and Lessons of Joseph, July 31-Aug. 3

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? ***Circle Two Opportunity...***

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face ***anything*** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)

Psalm 25:21 (ESV) May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

What is integrity and righteousness?

Righteousness

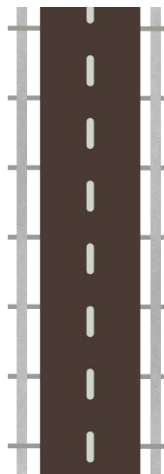
Integrity

Righteous Integrity

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Matthew 7:13-14

Righteousness



✚ The goal of applying this in everyday life is to be the salt and light for Christ

1. *Doing the mundane things with righteous integrity builds character.*

➤ Joseph builds rapport with Potiphar, shows integrity, and builds a reputation

Genesis 39:2-3 (ESV) ² The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to succeed in his hands.

Genesis 39:5-9 (ESV) ⁵ From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶ So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. ⁷ And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸ But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. ⁹ He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"

➤ Joseph could've compromised at every stage – he didn't.

➤ We have no idea what we will lose, what we will forfeit when we compromise.

1 Corinthians 6:12 (ESV) "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything.

1 Corinthians 10:23 (ESV) "All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up."

2. *God must be our center to live out righteous integrity*

➤ Joseph did the right thing, but it didn't work out.

Genesis 39:14-20 (ESV) ¹⁴ she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. ¹⁵ And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house." ¹⁶ Then she laid up his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷ and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me. ¹⁸ But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house."¹⁹ As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, "This is the way your servant treated me," his anger was kindled. ²⁰ And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison.

➤ ***Joseph was satisfied by God and God alone. He knew God was orchestrating his life***

Acts 17:26-28 (ESV)

✚ Know God is always with me, know He always has authority, even when it looks like He's giving me over to our enemy

➤ **Joseph could've compromised at every stage – he didn't.**

3. God gives favour to Joseph in prison

Genesis 39:21-32 (ESV) ²¹ But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. ²² And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³ The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the Lord was with him. And whatever he did, the Lord made it succeed.

➤ **Joseph doesn't take credit for interpretation; he speaks truth regardless of how hard it is.**

➤ **Joseph could've compromised at every stage – he didn't.**

➤ **God knew Joe would give Him credit.**

Colossians 1:10 (ESV) so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

➤ ***Joseph recognized God was in charge of his suffering. When we believe God is in charge, we know we can suffer well, even when we lose and when the cost is high, because God is allowing it and is present in it.***

Philippians 4:4-9 ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Isaiah 55:6-9 (ESV)

✠ *Living with integrity and righteousness in the mundane things develops Character*

2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV) We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

Romans 12:2 (ESV) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect renewing of mind

Philippians 4:8 (ESV) ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Throne room questions:

Where do I need to have integrity and righteousness in my life right now?

Where is God wanting me to have integrity and righteousness in my relationship with Him?

Takeaways: