

11/25/2018 – How Do I Live the Life? Living in Triumph in the Here and Now

SMALL GROUP HOMEWORK

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Would you rather be able to see the future or be able change the past?

2. What is your favorite activity to do on vacation?

3. What was impactful to you from this weekend's message?

INTO THE BIBLE

Pastor Jim shared that we can live in triumph in the midst of trials and circumstances. Let's take a look at someone in the Bible that trusted God even though it wasn't always the easiest thing to do.

1. Joseph was a young man that God used dreams in his life many times. Read Genesis 37:5-8.

A) What was the dream God shared with Joseph?

B) How did that make his brothers feel?

2. In fact, the brothers were so mad they wanted to kill Joseph. Read Genesis 37:18-36.

A) What happened to Joseph?

B) What story did the brothers come up with to tell their father about Joseph?

3. Joseph was going through some tough time. Probably tougher than your circumstances right now. Read Genesis 39:1-2.
 - A) Where was Joseph taken to?

 - B) What did Joseph have going for him (verse 2)?

 - C) If you are a follower of Jesus, God is with you too. Do you always remember this fact in the midst of the trial or circumstance you are facing? What are some practical things you can think and do to help you remember?

4. Pharaoh's wife tried to trick Joseph into having relations with her. Joseph knew it was a sin and wouldn't do it. She lied about the encounter to Pharaoh. Read Genesis 39:19-23.
 - A) What happened to Joseph?

 - B) Was God at work even through Joseph's imprisonment? What did God do in the middle of Joseph's circumstance?

5. In Genesis chapter 40, Joseph interpreted two dreams for servants of the Pharaoh. One dream had a good answer the other was a very hard answer. Read Genesis 40:20-23.
 - A) Were Joseph's interpretations correct?

 - B) You would think that at this point in the story, the cupbearer would have told Pharaoh how awesome Joseph was. Did the cupbearer remember Joseph?

 - C) Does that seem fair? Is life always "fair"? Does it mean that God had forsaken Joseph because things didn't turn out the way he thought they should?

6. Read Genesis 41:1.
 - A) How much time had passed since Joseph had interpreted the cupbearers dream?

 - B) How would your faith have been after two years?

