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Genesis 39:1-6

Big Idea

True Success Is Having

_____ On Your Life

1. God's Blessing Isn't Related To

_____ v. 1-2

Sometimes The Evidence Of God's Blessing Isn't Your

_____ From _____

It's His _____ Within It

2. God's Blessing Is Related To

_____ In Every _____ v. 3-4

God Often Develops _____

Before He Delivers _____

The Lord Was With Joseph

3. God's Blessing Should Be Used As A

_____ To _____ v. 5-6

God's Blessing Shouldn't _____ With You

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Memory Verse

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Colossians 3:23-24

MY NEXT STEP IS TO...

- Trust Jesus and begin to follow Him as my Lord and Savior for the first time today
- Memorize Colossians 3:23-24
- Ask God to help me to help me to do my work in such a way that others will see that the Lord is with me
- Get the most out of today's message by attending my Life Group this week
- Request information on how I can be part of a mini-mission trip with ERBC



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3. God's Blessing Should Be Used As A Witness To Others

v. 5-6

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True Success Is Having God's Blessing
On Your Life

1. God's Blessing Isn't Related To Favorable Circumstances

v. 1-2

Sometimes The Evidence Of God's Blessing Isn't Your Escape From Hardship,
It's His Sustaining Power Within It

2. God's Blessing Is Related To Faithfulness In Every Area

v. 3-4

God Often Develops Character
Before He Delivers Calling

The Lord Was With Joseph

God's Blessing Shouldn't Terminate With You
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Discussion Questions - Week 2

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, "The Lord Was With Joseph," summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

Do you plan to take any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

When you see someone post #blessed on social media, what do they usually mean? How does that compare to what we see in Scripture?

What's something in your life right now that you feel grateful for or would consider a blessing?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Throughout Scripture, faithfulness is often measured differently than we might expect. It's not always about our production or success. What matters is how we steward what God has entrusted to us.

Read **Matthew 25:14–30**.

How does each servant respond to what they've been entrusted with? What stands out about their actions or attitudes?

Even though the servants were given different amounts, the master responds to the first two in the same way. What do you think that reveals about what really matters to him?

How does that compare to how we usually think about success?

The third servant's response is driven by fear. Where do you see fear keeping people (or yourself) from stepping into what God has entrusted to them?

The master describes the third servant as "wicked and lazy." That feels strong—why do you think his inaction is taken so seriously?

Where am I being tempted to play it safe instead of being faithful with what God has given me?

2. From the beginning, God's blessing has never been meant to stop with one person. But receiving and living out that blessing often requires costly obedience and trust.

Read **Genesis 12:1–5**.

What stands out to you about what God asks Abram to leave behind, and what He promises in return?

God calls Abram to go without giving him the full picture, and promises to make him into a great nation when he has no son. What kind of faith is required to respond to God in that situation?

In verses 2–3, God says Abram will be blessed so that all peoples on earth will be blessed through him. How does that shape the way we think about the purpose of God's blessing?

Where might we be tempted to hold onto comfort, control, or certainty instead of stepping out in obedience?

Where is God asking me to trust Him by taking a step of obedience, even if it feels uncertain or costly?

FOR PRACTICE

Faithfulness is often tested in ordinary moments and when obedience feels costly or uncertain. This week, set aside time to reflect on where God may be calling you to trust Him more fully. Using Matthew 25 and Genesis 12 as a guide:

- Ask God to show you where you may be holding back out of fear or playing it safe.
- Identify one area where He is calling you to be more faithful or to take a step of obedience.
- Take one intentional step this week, trusting Him with the outcome.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

According to Joshua Project estimates, there are over 8 billion people alive today, and approximately 3.4 billion (over 40%) live among unreached people groups with little or no access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for missionaries to enter these regions and for the Good News to spread, leading to Spirit-led indigenous Christ-followers, leaders, and church plants.