



Genesis 41 The Test of Success

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Joseph learned the difference between being _____ by God and trying to _____ for God

Wisdom is the ability to _____ within reality because you _____ God _____

_____ can test a person just as deeply as _____ can

Coping With Success

MEMORY VERSE

"I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."
Genesis 12:2-3

THE BIG IDEA

Biblical success is not merely about _____ but _____

Success can make us _____ - _____ or _____

MY NEXT STEP IS TO...

- Trust Jesus and begin to follow Him as my Lord and Savior for the first time today
- Memorize Genesis 12:2-3
- Thank God specifically for the blessings or successes I usually take credit for
- Use my influence, resources, or success to serve someone else this week
- Confess an area where success has made me self-sufficient
- Rest in Christ instead of building my identity through achievement
- Get the most out of this week's teaching by attending my Life Group





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Success doesn't just reveal what we're capable of, it often reveals who we are

Joseph learned the difference between being used by God and trying to stand in for God

Wisdom is the ability to live rightly within reality because you rightly understand God

Success can test a person just as deeply as suffering can

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Biblical success is not merely about advancement, but stewardship

Success can make us self-sufficient or grateful

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Discussion Questions - Week #6

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, "Coping with Success," summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

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

GETTING STARTED

How would you say the world defines success?

What's something you worked hard for or looked forward to achieving that turned out to feel different than you expected once you got it?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Success and abundance can slowly convince us that our security, identity, and future are ultimately found in what we possess. In contrast to Joseph, who understood his success as something received from God and meant for others, the rich fool turns inward and treats his wealth as something to keep for himself.

Read Luke 12:13–21.

What prompted Jesus to tell this story?

Do you think it's ever wrong to "build bigger barns"? Why or why not?

What assumptions does the rich man seem to make about security, success, and the future?

In what ways can success or abundance slowly turn people inward?

What do you think the parable of the "rich, wise man" would have looked like instead?

Where are you most tempted to place your security, identity, or hope in something other than God?

2. One of the great spiritual dangers of success is that it can slowly make us forget our dependence upon God. Moses warns Israel that prosperity can create the illusion that we are self-made, self-sufficient people, rather than people who are utterly dependent upon God's grace and provision.

Read Deuteronomy 8:10–18.

What specific dangers does Moses warn Israel about in this passage?

Why do you think prosperity and success can make people forget God?

How can gratitude protect us from self-sufficiency?

What does it look like in real life to say, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this for me" (v.17)?

In the sermon we said, "Success becomes dangerous when we mistake comfort, recognition, or security for the goal." Why do you think those things are so spiritually powerful?

How does remembering the cross help protect us from pride, forgetfulness, or the illusion that we are self-sufficient?

What's one area of blessing, comfort, or success in your life where you most need to consciously remember God's grace and provision?

FOR PRACTICE

James 1:17 reminds us that "every good and perfect gift is from above." One of the dangers of success is forgetting the Giver behind the gifts. This week, intentionally thank God for specific abilities, opportunities, resources, or successes you would normally take credit for or overlook. Let gratitude become a way of resisting self-sufficiency and remembering your dependence on Him.

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

World Vision reports that 1 in 11 people worldwide face chronic hunger due to conflict, extreme weather, and economic hardship. Take time to pray for peace in areas of conflict, comfort for children and families facing these conditions, and for God to provide protection, provision, and the resources needed to rebuild communities where critical infrastructure is lacking.