

Sunday, November 8, 2020 - "Average Joe - Week 6: From Pit to Palace" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Genesis 41. Psalm 105:16-19, Colossians 3:23, 2 Corinthians 8:21

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Joseph is a rags to riches story
- He didn't catch a lucky break he engaged in the process every step of the way (Luke 16:10-11)
 - Little Big Principle
 - Plays out in our lives as well
 - If we are not responsible with little → we will not be responsible for more
 - We want to skip the little and jump straight to the big
 - When we continually focus on what could/should be, we lose sight of what actually is (fail to be faithful in the moment)
 - Psalm 105:16-19
 - Joseph underwent physical and emotional abuse
 - Yet he still sought the good/honor of his oppressors
- Joseph reveals his true character when he is called to interpret Pharaoh's dream
 - v16 - Not me...God will give an answer
 - He could have used it as a bargaining chip...but instead God gets the glory
- Joseph is applying all of his gifts and his brilliance
 - He doesn't even think of himself as the person to fill the role he describes to Pharaoh
 - He is essentially telling his oppressors what to do to survive
- What does it mean to be faithful?
 - Definition: to be thorough in the performance of duty. true to one's word. to be steady and loyal. constant, reliable, trusted or adhering to a standard
 - Colossians 3:23
 - Joseph made a decision to make God famous
 - When we use faithfulness to get ahead we get into trouble
- 4 elements of faithfulness
 - 1) Develop and live out a strong work ethic (especially when no one is watching)
 - 2) Be honest and do the right thing
 - Biblical standards
 - Integrity check, Word check, Obedience check
 - 3) A Person of your word (do what you say you will do when you say you will do it)
 - 4) Do everything to make God famous
 - People are watching you
 - Our behavior is our testimony
 - Giving God all the credit

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How have you seen the "little big principle" play out in your own life?
2. What is something "little" that God is calling you to be faithful with right now?
3. How is your work ethic? How is God calling you to grow in that?
4. How has God given you an integrity/word/obedience check? What did He reveal to you?
5. What does it mean for you to make God famous? How can you do that in your daily life?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Psalm 114 Tues: Psalm 115 Wed: Psalm 116 Thurs: Psalm 117 Fri: Psalm 118

Songs from the weekend: [Your Great Name - Todd Dulaney] - [Tremble - MosaicMSC] - [Do It Again - Elevation Worship] - [Worthy of It All - Bethel Music]