

## REVIEW:

### **God's Purpose for this Generation**

Generation in God's eyes does not mean Millennial or Baby Boomer or Gen X- it means EVERYONE LIVING AT THE TIME!

#### **1. God Will Let You Take a Look at Your Purpose/Promise**

A. The Promise was Exactly as You Described It

#### **2. God Will Let You Choose Your Destiny!!**

*Jos 24:15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."*

"CHOOSE"

B. What They Saw Guided them NOT What They Believed!

Giants - The Opposition seemed insurmountable

Walled Cities - The Culture Appeared Impenetrable

Themselves - They Seemed Inadequate for the Task

*Numbers 13:33 There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."*

#### **3. God Will Determine the Consequences for Your Actions**

**The Pathway to Purpose**

Ge. 37.18-34 / Gen. 41.38-44

*Ge 37:18 When they saw him from a distance and before he came close to them, they plotted against him to put him to death. 19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer! 20 "Now then, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and we will say, `A wild beast devoured him.' Then let us see what will become of his dreams!" 21 But Reuben heard this and rescued him out of their hands and said, "Let us not take his life." 22 Reuben further said to them, "Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but do not lay hands on him"--that he might rescue him out of their hands, to restore him to his father. 23 So it came about, when Joseph reached his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the varicolored tunic that was on him; 24 and they took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty, without any water in it. 25 Then they sat down to eat a meal. And as they raised their eyes and looked, behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing aromatic gum and balm and myrrh, on their way to bring them down to Egypt. 26 Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it for us to kill our brother and cover up his blood? 27 "Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers listened to him. 28 Then some Midianite traders passed by, so they pulled him up and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. Thus they brought Joseph into Egypt. 29 Now Reuben returned to the pit, and behold, Joseph was not in the pit; so he tore his garments. 30 He returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is not there; as for me, where am I to go?" 31 So they took Joseph's tunic, and slaughtered a male goat and dipped the tunic in the blood; 32 and they sent the varicolored tunic and brought it to their father and said, "We found this; please examine it to see whether it is your son's tunic or not." 33 Then he examined it and said, "It is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him; Joseph has surely been torn to pieces!" 34 So Jacob tore his clothes, and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days*

*Ge 41:38 Then Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is a divine spirit?" 39 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you are.*

*40 "You shall be over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you." 41 Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." 42 Then Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put the gold necklace around his neck. 43 He had him ride in his second chariot; and they proclaimed before him, "Bow the knee!" And he set him over all the land of Egypt. 44 Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, " Though I am Pharaoh, yet without your permission no one shall raise his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."*

Intro -

The most important discoveries you will make in pursuit of purpose are:

**1) Purpose requires a Process**

**2) Purpose Requires a Fight**

Your willingness to endure and fight will be the key to fulfilled purpose. If you don't want much from life or from God you can get that quick and without much opposition.

Today we will begin the journey I promised last Sunday. We walk with Joseph from 17 until 40, keeping in mind that this is not unreasonable. My journey was from 8 until 30, 22 years. Jesus' journey was from birth to 30, a thirty-year process.

But with you and with everyone else God always starts with a dream.... a PROMISE

THE JOURNEY IS NOT LINEAR, IT'S CYCLICAL!

**The Pathway to Purpose**

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## 1. Promise

The Place of Excitement

*Jer 29:10 "For thus says the LORD, 'When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place. 11 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. 12 'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 'You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.*

- Fare well

- Future

- Hope

Never underestimate the power of the PROMISE because it will keep you from pit to Potiphar to Prison!!

***You will never possess your promise acting like a lamb; you will have to fight like a lion!! ~ Dharius Daniels***

## 2. Pit

The Place of Abandonment

*Jer 20:7 O LORD, You have deceived me and I was deceived; You have overcome me and prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; Everyone mocks me. 8 For each time I speak, I cry aloud; I proclaim violence and destruction, Because for me the word of the LORD has resulted In reproach and derision all day long. 9 But if I say, "I will not remember Him Or speak anymore in His name," Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; And I am weary of holding it in, And I cannot endure it. 10 For I have heard the whispering of many, "Terror on every side! Denounce him; yes, let us denounce him!" All my trusted friends, Watching for my fall, say: "Perhaps he will be deceived, so that we may prevail against him And take our revenge on him."*

- Those Closest Desert You
- You Have No Power to Escape
- You Become a Slave to Circumstances

### **3. Potiphar's House**

The Place of Betrayal

*Ps 55:12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches me, Then I could bear it; Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me, Then I could hide myself from him. 13 But it is you, a man my equal, My*

*companion and my familiar friend; 14 We who had sweet fellowship together Walked in the house of God in the throng.*

The Real Pain is not the Lie or the Liar, its People Who Believed the Lie

- No Pity Party
- No Turning Back
- No Unforgiveness

***Ziklag may look like an off road experience but becomes the place where you get your crown. ~ Robbie Hilton***

#### **4. Prison**

The Place of Despair

*Ps 13:1 How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? 2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart all the day? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? 3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; Enlighten my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, 4 And my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," And my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken. 5 But I have*

*trusted in Your lovingkindness; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. 6 I will sing to the LORD, Because He has dealt bountifully with me.*

“There is No Pain Like the Pain of Feeling Forgotten”

- God NEVER Forgets You
- Lack of Response Makes You Feel Forgotten

***Remember that NO is Still an ANSWER! ~ Inky Johnson***

- Forgiveness says I'm NOT FORGOTTEN

## **5. Palace**

The Place of Fulfillment

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- Authority is NOT FOR NOVICES
- Responsibility Comes with Power
- Purpose is Designed to BLESS OTHERS

***Fulfillment can only come if after watching others run their race you are willing to pick up the baton and run yours. ~ Matt Thompson***