
One From the Heart

Turning Adversity into Triumph

Genesis 37, 39-42

2 Corinthians 3:18

....our commitment to God's work in our life has the power of turning adversity into triumph.

Genesis 37: A Dream

Genesis 39: From the Pit to Potiphar

Character over Compromise

Genesis 40: From Potiphar to Prison

Genesis 41: From the Prison to the Palace

- + God can use a season of adversity to prepare us for a triumph just ahead.

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Genesis 42, 45

- + Triumph is not his new position in the palace— but that Joseph had been faithful to allow God to use adversity to shape and prepare him for a position where he could save many lives!

Genesis 50:19, Audience of One

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”

Genesis 50:20 (NIV)

Group Discussion Guide

1. How has God used a time of adversity to grow your Christ-like maturity?
2. How do you regularly make space in your life where God can speak, shape and transform your character?

3. Has God ever helped you change a habit, give something up, or shift a way of thinking that was getting in the way of your formation? Describe your experience and pray for one another if someone senses God is wanting them to make a change.

4. What is God's goal of our Christian formation? How does our answer relate to how we live in the world: our relationships, work, desires, priorities, finances, and more... (see 2 Corinthians 2:18, Romans 8:28-30, 1 Corinthians 12:26-27)

5. It was mentioned that allowing God to turn our adversity into triumph is not about worldly gain but growing into Christ-like maturity. Discuss the role patience, obedience and endurance play in this task. What do you find the most difficult or rewarding in those times of adversity?

6. **Try this:** Read about the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22. These are describing words evidencing the presence of God at work in our life. Would your co-workers, family and friends use these words to describe your character? Talk about and pray towards what you would like to see more of in your life.