LIVING with **INTEGRITY**

Opportunity

Perry Duggar February 13, 2022

Outline

... whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone... Galatians 6:10 (NLT)

A. Introduction (Genesis 40:23; 41:1-7; Psalm 105:19-22)

B. Responding to opportunities... (Genesis 41:1-57)

1. Rely on ______. (Genesis 41:8-13. C/R: Isaiah 41:10; John 6:44; Hebrews 13:5-6; James 4:10)

Answers: 1. God 2. solutions 3. assignment

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2. Recommend God-given (Genesis 41:14-36. C/R: Proverbs 3:5-6; Luke 12:8-9; 2 Timothy 1:7-8; James 1:5-6)

3. Represent God in every (Genesis 41:37-57. C/R: Proverbs 16:3; Matthew 5:16; Colossians 3:23-24; 1 Peter 3:15-16)

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Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit <u>brookwoodchurch.org/adults</u>.

Conversation Starter

In what situations do you feel most confident?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read Genesis 41:1-16.

- 1. Dreams played an important role in Joseph's life. What do you think was running through his mind when summoned by Pharaoh to interpret his dreams?
- 2. Joseph had been in prison for years. What do you think caused him to continue to rely on God?

Read Genesis 41:17-36.

- 3. Joseph confidently and boldly interpreted Pharaoh's dreams. Describe an opportunity you seized with confidence and boldness.
- 4. Think of a time you offered guidance to someone. How did you know your insights came from God? What was the result?
- 5. Joseph displayed wisdom and discernment in his dealings with Pharaoh. What are ways you've applied these traits when relating with others?

Read <u>Genesis 41:37-57</u>.

6. Joseph was elevated to a position of honor and authority. What did he do with this opportunity? What impact did his actions have on the people of Egypt?

- 7. Joseph provides a clear picture of what it looks like to trust God. Describe a situation when you trusted God. What impact did that have on your relationship with Him?
- 8. What are some current situations in which you're finding it difficult to trust God? Why do you think it can be a struggle to trust God?
- 9. Joseph represented the character of God in all that he did. In what areas of your life could you improve on representing God?
- 10. In what areas of your life do you currently have opportunities to influence others? How can Joseph be an example to you? What steps will you take?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is training for the soul. By building these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.

Write down the names of several people who've had a positive impact on your life. Thank God for them. Use this time to strengthen your trust in God.

Memory Verse

Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone – especially to those in the family of faith. **Galatians 6:10 (NLT)**

Daily Reading

 Day 1: James 4:10
 Day 4: <u>1 Peter 3:15-16</u>

 Day 2: <u>Hebrews 13:5-7</u>
 Day 5: <u>Proverbs 16:1-3</u>

 Day 3: <u>2 Timothy 1:7-8</u>

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, February 20, we'll continue exploring the life of Joseph in our series *Living with Integrity*. To prepare, read **Genesis 42**.



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