

RESILIENT

WEEK 2

DAY 1: READ GENESIS 39:1-2 & JEREMIAH 29:10-14

Whether you find yourself wandering in the wilderness like Moses and the Israelites or dragged far away to foreign lands like Joseph, the Lord is with you. He has not abandoned you. The Lord's plans for you are for your good, His glory and the rescue of others. The Lord did not just accompany Joseph to Egypt and leave him there. He brought success and favor to Joseph for a greater, spiritual mission Joseph had yet to realize, understand or see. You might not understand your situation, but the Lord is with you and mightily at work for your good, His glory and the rescue of others. Are you ready?

DAY 2: READ GENESIS 39:3-6

The active work and living presence of the Lord in your life is something the outside world recognizes. Is your lifestyle, attitude, work ethic, family life, behavior and humility something the world will see and recognize the work of the Lord? We know the fruits of the Spirit and how stark and precious their tastes are to the lost, hungry world. Do people crave the fruit you produce? Do they trust you like they want to trust Jesus?

DAY 3: READ GENESIS 37:6-9 & ISAIAH 59

Right and wrong are important distinctions as we strive to be righteous people of Jesus, but what are our hearts' intentions? Joseph knew right and wrong, but his primary focus was loving obedience to God. Do you strive to avoid sinning because you want to follow the rules or because you want to experience the fullness of God's presence?

DAY 3 CONTINUED ON BACK...

When God is not our chief desire and the sole source of our perspective, we end up bound in death to a sterile law which cannot breathe life, raise the dead or rescue us like Christ. Let closeness with God in Jesus be the chief focus of your life, behavior and perspective. Everything else leads to death.

**DAY 4: READ GENESIS 39:6-12,
2 TIMOTHY 2:22-26 & 1 COR. 10:1-13**

Flee from sin. God is faithful and will not let us be tempted beyond our abilities; He gives us a way of escape. When temptation corners you, are you ready to run, even if it means embarrassing yourself before others? God is faithful and the joy of His presence is worth far more than any trivial satisfaction or humiliation. Are you ready to run? What's your exit strategy?

DAY 5: READ GENESIS 39:13-23

Even when we earnestly desire righteousness to be nearer to God, the fallen world doesn't always agree. Even when we act with the love of Jesus for the good of others, we still might get sucked in to the trappings of lies, deceit, violence, persecution and rejection. But God is there with us, too. Your time in prison is being used by God for your good, His glory and the rescue of others. Even if you don't see it, if we will desire and seek after God's pleasure, He will use us and the world will see the starkness of His righteousness and love against the dim, world they wallow in, endlessly searching for peace. Let Him demonstrate His character in your situation today.

**DAY 6: READ 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-21
& GENESIS 39:21-23**

Like Paul says in verses 10-13, we endure the persecution that comes for the greater purpose of serving Jesus and helping the lost find rescue in Him. Let's purge the wicked, dead things from our hearts, minds and bodies so we might be honorable vessels for the Lord's work at all times, even when we find ourselves in foreign lands, wrongly imprisoned and seemingly forgotten by everyone. Just like Joseph was at one time appointed the overseer of the house because his master saw the Lord's presence in his life, let's be ready vessels to demonstrate the living presence of God to a lost world.