



UNLOCKING GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE

WEEKLY ACTION STEP

Read Isaiah 53, which prophesizes the Messiah Jesus, each day this week to internalize the idea of the Suffering Servant.

BIG IDEA

Unlock God's dream for you by following Jesus daily.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 41:16-42; Genesis 50:18-20; Romans 8:28; Mark 1:17-18

OPENER

The Egyptian Pharaoh selected Joseph to lead and prepare the country for the coming famine and to distribute the food to the people during the famine. In Genesis 41:33, we learned that Pharaoh elevated Joseph to this powerful position because he was a discerning and wise man. Discuss what "discerning and wise" looks like in today's culture.

QUESTIONS

1. Pastor John reminds us that Joseph is always looking for God at work. How is your day different when you intentionally look for and follow God vs. a day when you only follow your own desires?
2. Joseph's brothers committed actions that were intended to harm him, but Joseph firmly believed God was in control over his life (Genesis 30:50). Can you think of a difficult or unfair situation when you saw God at work for good?
3. What can we learn about how to treat others who have done us wrong by how Joseph treated his brothers and how Jesus has treated us who have sinned against Him?
4. Read Romans 8:28, how have you seen God work good in your life through even the most difficult times? If you feel like you haven't seen God work good in those times, what could be the reasons why?
5. Following Jesus means leaving some things behind (2 Corinthians 5:17). What have you left behind when you became a Jesus follower? How did you make the choice? Are there still other things you need to leave as well?



TAKEAWAY

- Knowing of Jesus and following Jesus are two different things
- How to follow Jesus:
 - Repent and believe
 - Be baptized as a believer
 - Do what Jesus says
- You can't follow someone if you're not watching them or listening to them.
- When I follow Jesus one day at a time, I can be confident He will work all things for good in His time.

DIGGING DEEPER

- Jesus sacrificially loved and cared for others, and He instructs us to do the same (Matthew 22:36-40; Luke 10:25-37; Romans 12:9-13; Philippians 2:3-4). In what ways do you put others ahead of yourself? Where do you need to improve in this regard?
- We show that we believe in Jesus, and love Him, by the way we obey His commands (John 14:15; 1 John 2:3-6). Obedience brings about transformation, but this change is not a one-time event. It is instead a lifelong journey toward becoming like Christ (2 Peter 1:5-11; Romans 12:2; Ephesians 5:1-2). As a Christ follower, this transformation is a witness to those around us. What immediate changes were apparent in your life when you first believed? With our ongoing maturing in Christ how do we stay open to what the Spirit is leading us to change? As you strive to be more like Christ, what further changes do you need to make?