



**FEBRUARY BIBLE STUDY  
SERIES:  
RE-EXAMINING YOUR LIFE  
(PRINCIPLES FROM THE  
LIFE OF JOSEPH)**



**LESSON FIVE:  
FAITH TO HELP US  
HANDLE THE  
HARD TIMES**





# SELF-ASSESSMENTS:

1

1. VISION  
(Living out God's Dream for our Lives)

2

2. INTEGRITY  
( Ways we can Elevate our Character)

## **SELF-ASSESSMENT 3 - FAITH**

Today we will discuss the importance of living life with determination, grit, and passion and how trusting God regardless of the circumstances captures what it means to be a person of great faith.



## **2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-10**

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8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;  
9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—  
10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.



**“THE ODDS ARE  
AGAINST ME, BUT  
GOD IS FOR ME.”**



## **GENESIS 40:20-23**

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20 Now it came to pass on the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

21 Then he restored the chief butler to his butlership again, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand.

22 But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.



## JOSEPH'S PICTURE OF PERSEVERANCE:

1

Promise> Pit> Palace>

2

Prison> Preference> Punishment>

3

Prominence> Personal Pain>

4

Purpose



**YOU CANNOT GO  
FROM PROMISE TO  
PURPOSE  
WITHOUT PAIN  
AND  
PERSEVERANCE.**

# FOUR FACTS OF FAITH:

## 1: BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE.

“SOMETIMES THE BAD THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN OUR LIVES PUT US DIRECTLY ON THE PATH TO THE BEST THINGS THAT WILL EVER HAPPEN TO US.”

## 2: WE CHOOSE WHETHER WE BECOME BITTER OR BETTER.

ADVANCE OR ABANDON. TRIUMPH OR TRIP UP. FIGHT ON OR TAP OUT. OVERCOME OR BE OVER RUN.

“IN THE MIDST OF SORROW, FAITH DRAWS THE STING OUT OF EVERY TROUBLE.”

## 3. GOD WANTS TO BRING GOOD OUT OF EVIL.

GENESIS 50:20, “YOU INTENDED TO HARM ME, BUT GOD INTENDED IT FOR GOOD TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT IS NOW BEING DONE, THE SAVING OF MANY LIVES.”

ROMANS 8:28, “AND WE KNOW THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSES.”

“GOD’S PLANS WILL ALWAYS BE GREATER AND MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN ALL YOUR DISAPPOINTMENTS.”

## 4. PERSEVERANCE PRODUCES A GREAT FAITH.

PROVERBS 24.10, “IF YOU FAINT IN THE DAY OF ADVERSITY, YOUR STRENGTH IS SMALL.”

EVERYONE WILL FACE A DAY OF ADVERSITY.

WHEN YOU FACE ADVERSITY, TRUST GOD AND DON’T FLINCH.

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**RESILIENCE is the ability to overcome obstacles, solve problems, and bounce back from difficult situations.**



## **II CORINTHIANS 5:6-7**

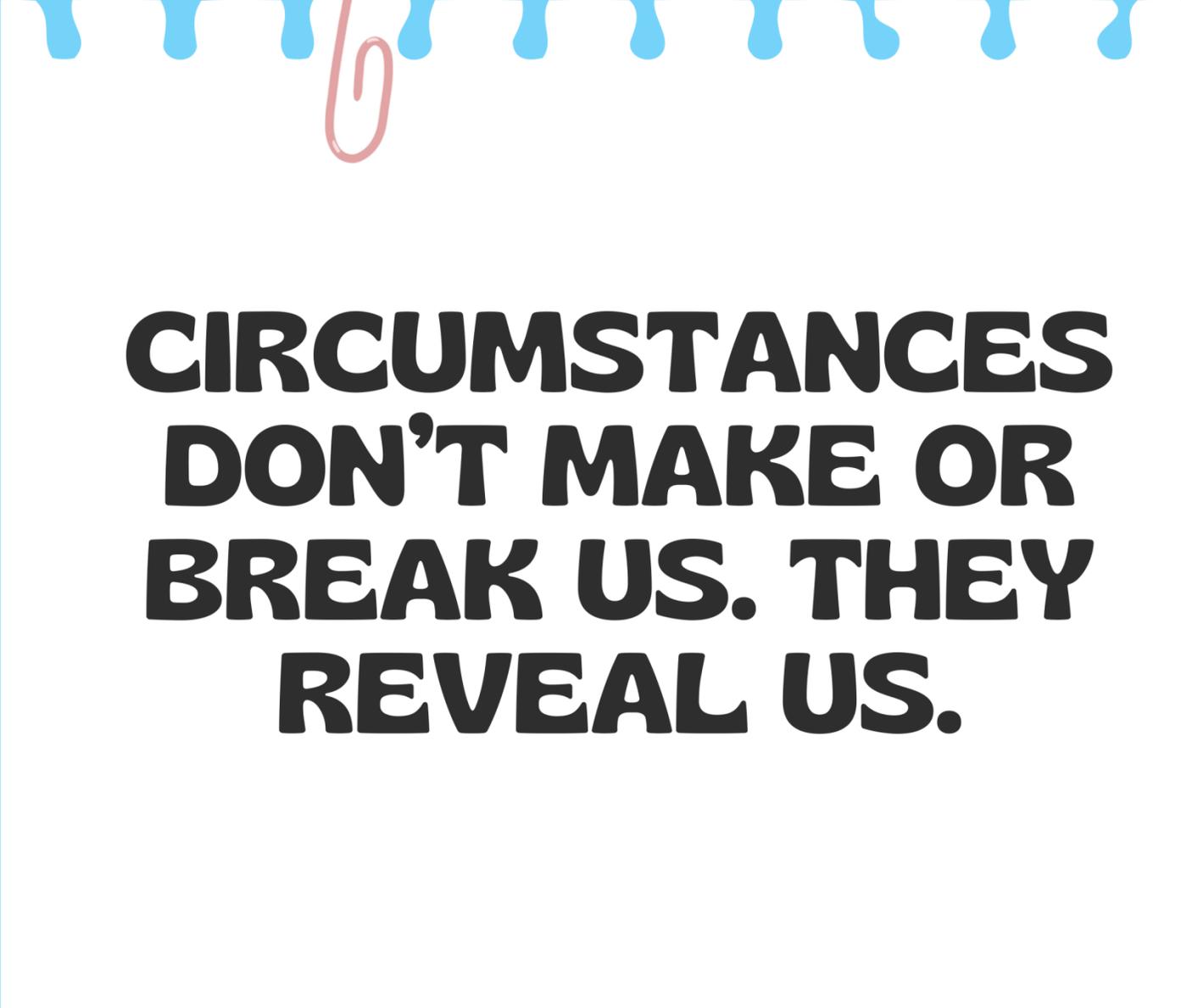
So, we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

## **ROMANS 8:37-39**

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

## **HABAKKUK 3:17-19**

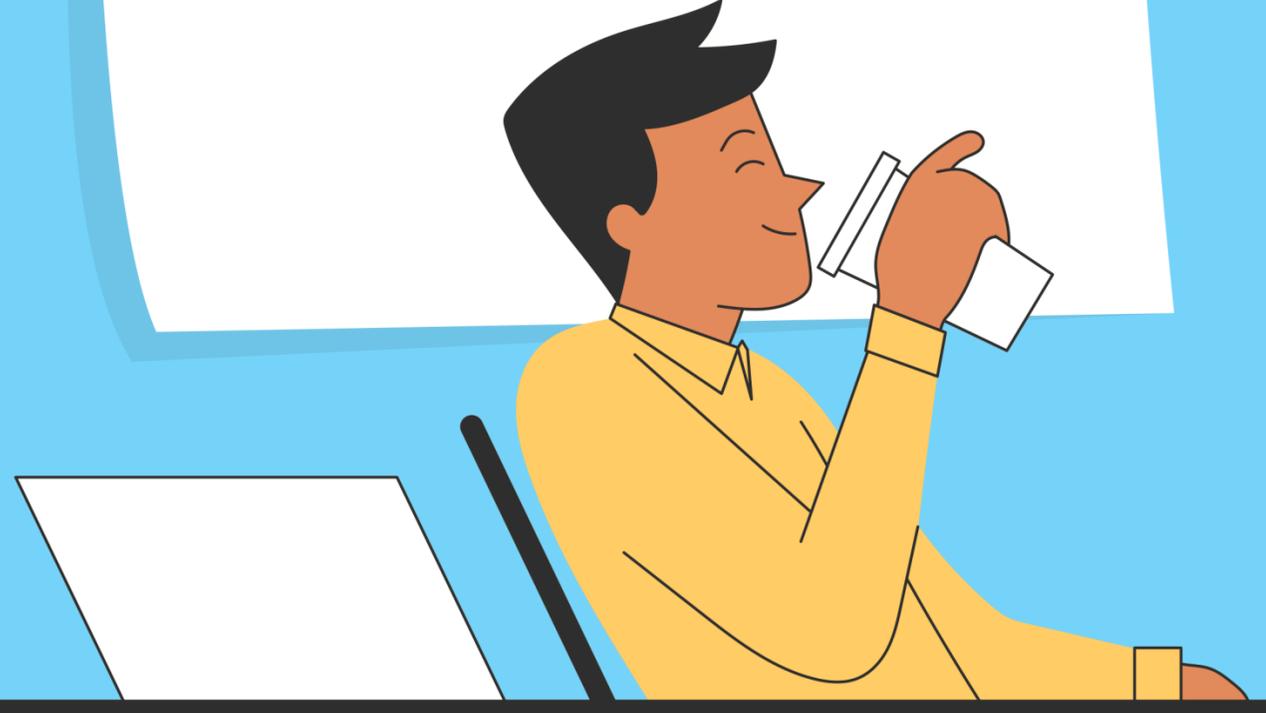
Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.



**CIRCUMSTANCES  
DON'T MAKE OR  
BREAK US. THEY  
REVEAL US.**



**PRAYER:**  
**“GOD, REFINE ME, GROW ME,  
ELEVATE ME, STRENGTHEN ME,  
USE ME, MATURE ME. I TRUST  
YOU REGARDLESS OF MY  
CIRCUMSTANCES.”**



# BIBLE STUDY FOLLOW UP CHAT QUESTIONS:

1

What was your greatest takeaway from today's lesson?

2

Name the three self-assessments discussed in our Bible Study Series.

3

List ways God can elevate your faith.

4

What was Joseph's picture of perseverance?

# BIBLE STUDY FOLLOW UP CHAT QUESTIONS:



5

Name the four facts of faith discussed in today's lesson. Which fact can you relate to most?

6

Can you describe a time when your faith helped you through a hard time?

7

"Circumstances don't make or break us. They reveal us."

Reading Assignment for Wednesday's Bible Study,  
February 8, 2023.  
Genesis 41