

The Detours of Your Destiny: “**The Detours of Perspective**” lesson 8 Gen. 50:20

As we have observed the life of Joseph on his detours to his destiny, now come to our time of having the right perspective on the detours our lives are on while we travel to fulfill the destiny the Lord has for each of us.

We gain revelation as to how to view, look at and perceive the detours on the way to destiny.

We see that just as with Joseph, God is Zig zagging us towards our destiny. It is never in a straight line we arrive.

God is doing two things at the same time:

1. He is developing us for our destiny.
2. He is developing our destiny for us.

He will not let the two meet until the two are ready at His timing and our maturity.

Psa. 105:17-19: “He sent a man before them – Joseph- who was sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with fetters. He was laid in irons.

Until the time that His word came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.”

Many are waiting on God to do something, the thing He said HE would bring to pass in our lives.

- You’re waiting for your change to come!
- As a believer, you are saying: “I didn’t sign up for this. I didn’t sign up to be walked out on & remain single, to be in this miserable relationship, to be stuck in this job.”
- When is this thing I’m waiting on God for going to happen?
- When will I arrive at my destiny?

The answer will be different for each person.

But the truth is that we all have a destiny in the Lord!

As you go through the detours on your way to your destiny;

“Your divine design for your greatest good and for His greatest glory and the advancement of His kingdom.”

- **The thing that will keep you going forward is having the **Right Perspective:****

You have to be looking at the right thing – the right way! = **Perspective.**

Perspective = “how you perceive or view something.”

There is a key to your spiritual success in arriving at your destiny;

Joseph’s secret is found in Gen. 50:20-

“But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.”

Looking back at Gen. 39:2-3 “The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. ... The Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hand.”

v. 5- “The Lord blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake; and the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had in the house and in the field.”

v. 21- in Prison – “But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.”

v. 23- “because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.”

Gen. 41:16- Joseph’s answer to Pharaoh:

“So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me; **God** will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.”

v. 28- “This thing that I have spoken to Pharaoh, **God** has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do.”

v. 32- “The dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by **God**, and **God** will shortly bring it to pass.”

THE SECRET TO JOSEPH ARRIVING AT HIS DESTINY IS THAT HE REFUSED TO LEAVE GOD OUT OF THE EQUATION, NO MATTER WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCE WAS!

- He gets put in a pit – God was with him.
- He is turned over as a slave – God was with him.
- He is put in Potiphar’s house – God was with him.
- He gets put in prison - God was with him.
- Every time we see Joseph in a different & difficult situation, whether it’s good or bad; we see God was with him.
- God is not a sometime God for Joseph or for you and me –

- If you take God seriously; you can never be a victim to your circumstances because your circumstance couldn't be your circumstance without God allowing it to become your circumstance.
- Nothing happened in the life of Joseph that was not first approved by God even when it was in the negative.

If the enemy can remove your consideration of God in your circumstances; then you will lose your perspective of your destiny.

Joseph keeps referencing God no matter what the circumstances were.

- The thing that marked Joseph is that he keeps bringing God up; he was consumed with God.
- Joseph was robbed of everything that mattered in life; it was all taken away from him.
- EXCEPT HIS DESTINY! Because his destiny was in God's hands.
- **If your destiny is in God's hands, God will control where you go; where you wind up; in spite of the detours you have to go through to get there.**

Gen. 50:20- This is so obvious, it would be easy to miss.

“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day.”

- Some folks are thinking - “the devil has me where he wants me.”
- Well, so does God – the devil is not the only one in this equation.
- “You meant it for **evil** against me, but **God** meant it for **good**.”

Look at the order:

- Evil
- God
- Good

When we search the scriptures, here is how God's plan plays out: The Equation of God!

- **When evil shows up and God is put into the equation; good comes out of it.**
- So what the enemy has to do is bring evil and keep God out so you don't get the good!
- If he can keep God out of the middle; he can keep evil in control.
- But when you take the evil and bring God into the middle, God turns evil into good.

“You meant it for evil -

But while ya’ll were planning your stuff, God was planning His stuff and when God was planning His stuff, while ya’ll were planning your stuff; God decided to use ya’ll’s stuff to accomplish His stuff.”

God will use what others have meant for evil against you to turn it all around and cause it to be used for good for you! **Supernatural activity of God on behalf of His children.**

How did this all start?

- Jacob makes Joseph a coat he never asked for that shows he is the favorite son.
- His brothers are jealous of him and plot against him.
- He is put in a pit and then sold to Ishmaelites on their way to Egypt.
- He is sold to a master named Potiphar – was Joseph was blessed by the Lord.
- He is accused by Potiphar’s wife of rape and thrown into a dungeon.
- While in the dungeon – he is blessed by the Lord.
- He meets Pharaoh’s baker and cupbearer – interpreting their dreams.
- But the cupbearer forgets Joseph.
- Two years later the cupbearer remembers Joseph when Pharaoh has dreams he needs to be interpreted.
- Pharaoh calls for Joseph to interpret the dreams.
- Because Joseph is gifted by God to interpret the dreams, he is placed second in command of all of Egypt.
- But Joseph doesn’t have a degree in Egyptian government, language and is not even of their race.
- Because Joseph is second in command in Egypt – he can bring his nation/family to Egypt to survive the famine and from there a whole nation is born called Israel.
- Joseph can take care of his family because he is second in charge in Egypt – because he is here because his brothers were jealous of him because of a coat his daddy made for him.
- How did all this happen from a coat my daddy made me, a coat that I never asked for.
- **HOW DID ALL OF THIS HAPPEN OUT OF COAT I NEVER EVEN ASKED FOR?**

BECAUSE GOD CAN TAKE ONE MESS AFTER ANOTHER MESS, AND ONE EVIL AFTER ANOTHER EVIL AND ONE SITUATION AFTER ANOTHER SITUATION AND STILL BRING YOU TO YOUR DESTINY

So – here is what we are to do:

1. **Do not give up on God in your situation** – the tendency is where we are down to give up on God.

- The worse it is – the harder you need to run to Him.
- The more miserable it is – the more aggressively you go after God.
- It's easy to praise and worship God when the sun shines – things go good.
- But when it's storming – you have to make your praise happen.
- Force your praise out and run to God in the dark.

This was Joseph's secret – he didn't know when God was going to bring His word to pass.

- It was 13 years of slavery and being messed over before he ever got to Pharaoh.
- It was a total of 22 years before his brothers ever came before him as he had dreamt would happen.
- This was a 22 year detour.

It took Moses 40 years for God to get him where He wanted him to take him to his destiny. It took Noah 120 years for God to get to the place where He could fulfill His promise to him.

Just because you have had a year or two or maybe more of inconvenience – where it's not working out like you want it to – we want a microwave God when God is more of a crock pot God –

He wants the transformation to cook through and through until it's fully developed in your life.

So – Go after your destiny = Go for all God has for you.
Don't hold back or get discouraged because of disappointments or setbacks.

We have all been alive long enough to know this world can only give you so much.
What it does give you, it tries to take back.

Here is how you will know God is working on your behalf:

- It won't be because there will be no challenges or things never go wrong.
- **It will be because every time it looks like you are going down – you bounce back.**
- Every time it looks like your are going to lose – something turns around –
- That means God – evil – but God = Good.
- Evil – But God – Good
- What is God doing? God is moving you along the course of direction for your destiny to be reached for His glory and your good.

So – the challenge is to believe God – **“Trust God – No Mater What.”**