5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Faith When the Dream Does Not Match Reality: A Journey with Joseph

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Day 1: Holding On to What God Has Spoken

Reading: Genesis 37:1-11; Jeremiah 29:11

Devotional: God sometimes gives us a glimpse of what He intends to do through our lives before we have any idea how He will bring it to pass. Joseph received a dream that seemed far beyond his present circumstances, and the reception it got was anything but encouraging. Yet the dream was real because God had spoken it. When God places something in your heart for His kingdom, opposition does not cancel it. Discouragement does not erase it. The voices of those who doubt you do not have final authority over what God has declared. Faith is the decision to hold on to what God has said, not because the path is clear, but because the One who spoke is faithful. What has God spoken over your life that you have quietly set aside? Today, pick it back up and trust the One who gave it.

Day 2: When the Path Leads the Wrong Way

Reading: Genesis 37:18-36; Romans 8:28

Devotional: From Joseph's perspective, being stripped of his robe and thrown into a cistern by his own brothers must have felt like the complete unraveling of everything God had promised. Sold for the price of a common slave, headed toward Egypt in chains, the dream must have seemed like a

cruel joke. But God had not lost the thread of Joseph's story. He never does. Romans 8:28 assures us that God works in all things, not just the comfortable ones, for the good of those called according to His purpose. The setback you are facing today is not evidence that God has abandoned His plan. It may be the very road He is using to carry you toward it. Trust Him even when the direction makes no sense.

Day 3: Doing Right When Wrong Is Done to You

Reading: Genesis 39:1-23; Psalm 37:5-7

Devotional: Joseph did the right thing and ended up in prison for it. That is one of the harder realities of walking faithfully with God. Injustice happens, even to those who are obedient. Potiphar's wife lied. Joseph suffered for a sin he refused to commit. And yet, the Lord was with Joseph in that prison. His circumstances were unjust, but his character remained intact, and God's presence did not waver. Psalm 37 calls us to commit our way to the Lord and trust Him to act on our behalf. When we are wronged, the temptation is to stop and fight, to demand what we are owed. But faith calls us to stay the course, let God be our defender, and remain faithful to the calling before us. The injustice does not have the last word. God does.

Day 4: Faithful in the Place You Did Not Choose

Reading: Genesis 39:20-23; Luke 16:10; Colossians 3:23-24

Devotional: Joseph did not choose the prison, but he was faithful in it. He did not choose Potiphar's house, but he was faithful there too. In every place he was put, Joseph gave his best because he understood, perhaps gradually, that God does not waste any season. Luke 16:10 reminds us that faithfulness in small things is the training ground for faithfulness in greater ones. It is easy to coast through the season that does not feel like the destination. But God is doing something in that season that cannot be done

any other way. The character being formed in you right now, the patience, the humility, the dependability, is exactly what the next chapter of your calling will require. Be fully present where God has placed you today.

Day 5: Ready When the Moment Comes

Reading: Genesis 41:14-41; Philippians 1:6

Devotional: When Pharaoh called for Joseph, the years of waiting, suffering, and faithfulness had produced something remarkable. The young man who once eagerly announced his own dreams now stood before the most powerful ruler in the world and said, I cannot do it, but God can. Humility, wisdom, and trust in God had replaced pride and impatience. The preparation had done its work. Philippians 1:6 reminds us that the One who began a good work in us is faithful to complete it. The process is not punishment. It is preparation. God is not merely preparing a place for you. He is preparing you for the place. When His moment comes, and it will come, faith that has been tested, shaped, and refined will be ready to step forward for His glory and not our own.