

WORD LIVING

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OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to offer help to families with budgeting and planning. We assist families in obtaining knowledge and awareness of all human resources/ services available to them. We sponsor FREE seminars that coordinate various services to meet changing needs. For more information on events we sponsor visit us on FACEBOOK or our website: www.stewardsinaction.com.



**WELCOME TO
WORD LIVING 2015**

Welcome and what a blessing to share God's word of truth with you over the years.

As we welcome the warm weather and approach the close of this journey, we are so thankful for the many opportunities that the Lord has provided to touch the lives of many with the only real hope, the Word of God.

The Journey of Joseph as been an experience that covers every aspect of our lives. Nothing is new. The feelings, hopes, success and failures, are all recorded in the book for our reading, understanding and growth.

FROM THE PIT TO THE THRONE

We looked at the pit as both a physical place and a state of mind. Satan uses the same technique as he did in the garden, to attack our thoughts to make us doubt the love that God has for us. Satan sends messages that God has permitted the problems in our life and has left us to struggle on our own for the answer; God is holding blessing from us; or God does not really love us because if he did, we would not have these problems. Satan is clever in that he makes his logic seem true hoping that we fall into the trap and walk away from God.

When we are alone Satan bombards us with thoughts that weight us down. If we continue to listen, we will sparrow into a mental pit experience and if we are not careful, this could lead to the dark experience of feeling that all hope is gone.



WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

✓ LEARN FROM HISTORY

Everyone has felt the the mental pit experience such as the feeling of sadness, misery, loneliness, discouragement, betrayal, and/or a dim view of the future.

Sometimes we think that when we yield our life totally to the Lord, we are immune to certain feelings like depression, despair, and/or anxiety.

Life and the fact that we are human makes us vulnerable to these feelings, but it is our trust in the Lord that provides all we need to make it through.

As we studied the Journey of Joseph, we looked at the rigorous training that he had to endure to prepare his mind for servant leadership.

Each battle is won or lost based on the decisions of the mind. God has equipped our mind to encompass all we need. The test maybe difficult, but when God's presence and power are in complete control, God triumphs, Satan looses, and we are blessed.

Joseph's Test:

- ✓ The Test with the Egyptian Woman – Genesis 39
- ✓ The Test with the Egyptian Society – Genesis 40
- ✓ The Test with Pharaoh's Dreams – Genesis 41

Joseph's Answer:

- Cannot Sin Against God
- Compassion for Others
- All credit goes to God

❖ TODAY

We know the road is sometimes difficult, but we have all we need to succeed. Trials, disappointments, pain, and sorrow build a stronger reliance on Jesus resulting in a God directed outcome.

✓ LEARN FROM HISTORY

Although, Moses, the writer, does not write the emotions of Joseph at every stage, we know he had some mental pit experience. The feelings of discouragement, betrayal, and the view of the future may have looked dim at times especially when he was locked-up in jail. However, he was faithful in his training thus ready for his role as a servant leader. Serving God - Serving God's people

❖ TODAY

We are called to serve and Matthew 25:31-46 provides the simple instructions.

✓ **LEARN FROM HISTORY**

Joseph, now married, names his firstborn son, Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil and all my father's house. (Genesis 41:51) Joseph is prepared for the opportunity to meet his brothers with love and forgiveness.

❖ **TODAY**

If the pain of our past directs the actions in our future, we miss the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others and receive all the blessings that our Lord has for us.

✓ **LEARN FROM HISTORY**

When family causes the pain, life can be hard Genesis 42:21. Note the conversation among the brother's of Joseph concerning the last last time they saw him.

And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we **saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear**; therefore is this distress come upon us.

Yes, Joseph had mental distress in that his brothers, his family, his blood, saw his suffering, grief, distress and he begged them to help him. **HE BEGGED THEM TO HELP HIM. HE BEGGED** and they would not.

Satan probably played that scene repeatedly in Joseph's mind. You were betrayed, sold, a slave, falsely accused, a prisoner and forgotten. Your future is hopeless.

❖ **TODAY**

The path that God would lead us requires that we trust him and obey his word. There will be disappointments, sorrow, and perhaps unreal heartaches from those nearest to us. On our own, we fail but when we remember Joseph and recall his statement, "For God, said he, hath made me forget." Remember, it is forgiveness and restoration that give us freedom to be used by God for his glory and honor.

To forgive and love are vital to making a difference in the world in which we live. If we are weighted down with anger, bitterness, and/or unforgiveness, we will never achieve our true calling, to love one another as Jesus has loved us. (John 15:12)

To repeat the failures of history reaps its sorrows and shame.

The final chapter next time – called to serve Karen



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND CHANGES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE & MEDICAID

Part A, Part B, Part D, Advantage Plans

ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS

Saturday October 31, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Both workshops will be held at the

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