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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Leader, please make these available to your group.

Our Easter week is quickly approaching. Thursday is our Prophecy Update at 6:30pm. Good Friday also at 6:30pm and our Sunrise gathering will be at 6am.

Our outreach services are 8 -10 - 12 and everyone should be praying about who to invite and bring to these services. If you bring someone new we will have a welcome tent on the patio for ALL NEW PEOPLE so please bring them our way so we can give them a gift.

Take time this week to write the name of the person you are hoping to bring on our AWAKEN SIGN in the lobby!



Men's Altar Conference is this weekend! if you don't already have a ticket you can still purchase them at their website.



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Week 30 | Integrity | Genesis 39

FOR THE CHRISTIAN, SUCCESS ISN'T JUST ABOUT WHERE YOU GET TO IT'S ABOUT HOW YOU GET THERE.

I just returned from traveling in Israel for a few days, only to be confronted with the newest cultural calamity confronting our society. You know the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air, Will Smith, smacking comedian Chris Rock at the Oscars. One of the things that has fascinated me, as the headlines are inundated and talk shows are obsessing, is the moral clarity that people address the issue with. I mean, we live in a culture that gets so much wrong, and yet in this situation the verdict is signed, sealed, and delivered. Now don't get me wrong, I'm not advocating or condoning Will Smith's behavior, I'm just simply saying that our society picks and chooses what is right and wrong based on shifting standards. When the standards are constantly changing, how do people have a basis for making a moral judgment? And if moral judgments can't be made then how can a person walk in integrity? While this moral relativism may lead to the demise of our nation, thank God that we have the moral prescription of God's Word eternally displayed in Christ's life to build our lives upon.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



PRAY (10 min)

As a Life Group, take time in prayer to ask God to deepen your understanding of what pleases Him and strengthen you to choose it.



REFLECT (25 min)

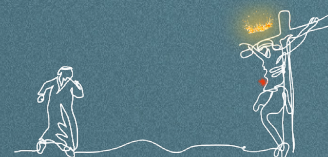
As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. Joseph chose to walk in integrity because he knew where his success came from. It came from God. Because of this, Joseph didn't resort to fleshly methods or efforts. It was God-given favor and Joseph wasn't about to sacrifice that for a moment of pleasure.

When God brings you favor or success do you recognize that it's from Him? How do the decisions you make or the way you comport yourself reflect that?

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11



2. We can't always expect that the culture, our family, or even fellow Christians are going to guide us the right way with respect to moral standards. We have to look to the moral prescriptions in God's word and the life of Christ.

When it comes to moral decisions in your life what is the source that you go to? Do you verify the counsel that you get from others with God's word and in prayer? Do you ask yourself if this is a decision that Christ would make or would want you to make? Spend time discussing this as a group.

Just because it's normal doesn't mean that it's right.

3. Joseph said no to sin because He had set love for God and the love for others as unchanging core values in his life. The thought of entertaining Potiphar's wife's request was repulsive because he knew it would be sin against God and it would betray the trust that Potiphar had given him. Therefore, Joseph ran from sin.

Do you run from sin? Are there temptations in your life that you've been conceding to or are tempted to yield to? Get prayer from someone in your group and make the right choice based on loving God and others.

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

4. Making the right choice to maintain your integrity may cost you financially, relationally, or even with potential opportunity. But God will be with you, and He will steadfastly love you.

Encourage each other in this.



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

Jeremiah 29:11

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REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, choose to be a person of integrity, even if it may cost you. Make the right decision and let God be the One who brings the favor and blessing.

We will be waiting with anticipation to hear how God strengthened you to make the right decisions and how you were blessed because of it.