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Lessons from Joseph

One of the ways God shaped my life was by showing me that I didn't have to go out and experience everything on my own. I could gain wisdom and understanding from other people's mistakes. The Bible does not present a whitewashed version of the people it describes, which is one of the many wonderful things about it. Both the good and the bad are laid out so that we can gain insight from the experiences of others.

Learn by Example

Through Scripture, I've learned from both the trials and the triumphs of others, like when Moses killed a man thinking he was doing God's will, or when he got angry and smote the rock and was kept out of the Promised Land because of it. Elijah called fire down from heaven and other great things but got so caught up in pride later on that he ran from Jezebel, asked God to kill him, and lost his ministry to Elisha. King David was a man after God's own heart, and Scripture shows many positive things about him. But it also shows us his failures, like when he committed adultery and then murder to try covering it up.

The reason I never went into rebellion is because I studied the Word of God from the time I was a child, and it warned me about things. Everything in the Old Testament was written for our benefit so that we could learn what to do and what not to do.

Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people

*sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. **Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.***

1 Corinthians 10:6–11, emphasis mine

Before I really get into Joseph's life, it's important to understand his background. Joseph was the eleventh of Jacob's twelve sons and the first offspring of Rachel (Gen. 30:22–24). He was also the favourite child of his father and was hated by his older brothers for that reason.

The Importance of Dreams

When Joseph was seventeen years old, he had two similar but separate dreams (Gen. 37:5–9). The fact that God gave Joseph two dreams is really important. When God gives someone two dreams that are alike in nature, it means the thing is established and can't be changed (Gen. 41:32). *It will happen.*

You know, God spoke to people all throughout the Bible, including the pharaoh in Joseph's

story; Daniel the prophet; and Joseph, Mary's betrothed husband, before Jesus was born. It's important to know that God still speaks to people through dreams, and when He does, it is always significant. I'm not saying that every dream is from God. But God does speak through dreams.

One of the lessons we can learn from Joseph is that, before God sends you on a journey, He will reveal something to you about that journey and prepare you for the obstacles that you're going to face along the way.

The dreams Joseph had were very, very important, and they helped shape his life. Of course, God never reveals every detail. If He did, most people would run the other way. Did you know God had a plan for your life while you were still in your mother's womb? God has a plan for every single one of us. And in order for us to fulfil that plan, we need to have some understanding about what God has for us.

That's what God did with Joseph. He gave him a vision of what his future would entail, and it became a guiding force in his life. He didn't know all the details or how he would get there, but God put the dream in his heart. And I believe this is what God wants to do for everyone.

God's Vision for You Is Better Than You Think

People who are driven by a vision are the ones who change the course of the world. God's vision for you isn't just to survive, occupy space, and then die and be gone. No! His plan is more wonderful than anything you could ever imagine.

If you don't get up in the morning with some degree of excitement about the Lord and where your life is going, then I guarantee you, you're missing out on what life is really about.

I can't overstate the importance of having a dream from the Lord. Whether it's while you're sleeping or when your eyes are open - open your heart to God's vision for you - and then start moving in that direction. It'll help you avoid many problems along the way.

I've only been able to give you a tiny glimpse of what you can learn from Joseph, but there is so much more. I encourage you to get my

full teaching. This month, we're offering a special package that includes my teachings *Lessons from Joseph*, *Lessons from Elijah*, and *Lessons from David*. You can order at awme.net/joseph or by calling our UK Helpline on **+44(0)1922 473 300** - or just complete and return the enclosed form.

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Do you have a clear vision for your life? God still speaks to people through dreams and other means, and He wants to lead you in a very specific direction if you'll let Him. The importance of understanding God's purpose for your life is just one of the many life lessons you'll learn in these powerful teachings. Spare yourself the pain of learning things the hard way by arming yourself with the life-changing Lessons package.



Charis Open Days 2023

Charis Open Days is coming 4 – 18 March to our four Charis Bible College UK locations!

People of all ages and walks of life come to Charis searching for the truth of who God is and who they are in Him. Thousands of students around the world experience transformation at Charis Bible College, and Charis Open Days is the best opportunity for you to experience what it's like to be a Charis student.

Are you ready for a change in your life? Hear from one of our second-year students at Charis, Mandy McNulty:

I was doing all the right things, but I didn't know how much God really loved me. I grew up in a Christian home and went to church. But for me, it wasn't a personal relationship with the Lord, it was obligations. It was religion and serving and giving. I wasn't able to just talk to the Lord myself. I really struggled with that throughout my life. It was difficult for me to get into the Word and to spend time with God because I really didn't have a clear understanding of who He was, how good He is, and how much He loves me. I didn't know He wanted to have a personal relationship with me.

When I came to Charis, my life was transformed. I started realising that I can have a relationship with the Lord, that it's not religion; it's not obligations. I love Him, and I know He loves me and wants to speak to me. It's more than just knowledge. I know in my heart that He's so pleased with me - even if I never did another thing for Him. I knew I wanted to come to Charis, but I didn't know what that would look like. I came to Open Days, and the Lord ministered to me even more - with divine appointments and meeting lifelong friends. My relationship with God has gone to a deeper level and, through Charis, He has completely transformed my life. I know this is where He has me, and it's the best decision I've ever made.

At Charis Open Days, you will experience transformational teaching and worship that will inspire you and help you navigate your future. You will encounter our student community of like-minded believers, and have questions answered by our dedicated staff team. This is a free event that you won't want to miss!

Visit awme.net/events to learn more and register today!

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Developing Better Relationships

At the beginning of time, God said it was not good for us to be alone (Gen. 2:18), so He gave us relationships. Having community with other people is almost as important as having communion with God. A healthy relationship reflects the kind of connection God wants to have with each of us. Many people don't understand the principles that govern successful relationships because they are rarely talked about in the light of God's Word.

As a result, many people find themselves trapped in a cycle of heartache and disappointment. Others look to society and their peers to define what is acceptable. In the absence of truth, the lies of the enemy abound. Divorce rates are high even among Christians, and many suffer loneliness.

God created relationships for our enjoyment. Whether you are single, married, or divorced, He wants you to know His perfect plan for you! That's why Charis Bible College began *Charis Relationship University - Live on Campus* (otherwise known as *Relationship LIVE*): a weekly live stream dedicated to presenting practical truths about godly relationships.

Created with the Father's heart of love at the centre, *Relationship LIVE* helps people avoid relationship turmoil

while also bringing healing and restoration. Experienced Charis instructors share God's perspective on relevant and challenging issues most people avoid. Andrew Wommack, Mike and Carrie Pickett, Greg Mohr, Rick and Joann McFarland, Barry Bennett, Daniel Amstutz, and others shed light on what healthy, godly relationships look like by exploring timeless biblical truths.

I downloaded this message to my phone. It's one of those messages I'll remember forever. Thank God for the years and tears of experience some instructors have been through and how they so freely pour out on us! I'm blessed to have encountered this place.

- M.V.

Thank you, friends and partners, for helping us live-stream this free resource all over the globe. You are equipping spouses, families, and friends around the world to have good relationships that reflect God's true love. Children are also being impacted! As parents learn and reflect godly virtues in their relationships, children have a healthy example to follow and develop wholesome community with their peers.

You can watch the weekly live stream on Mondays at 1 p.m. MT or watch previous sessions in the live stream archives at **CharisBibleCollege.org/live**.

To participate, you can text your questions anonymously to **719-212-2555**, and you may even receive live answers. Tune in to receive revelation that will take your relationships to the next level!

If you're not already a partner and would like to join us in taking the Gospel as far and as deep as possible, visit **awme.net/grace** and become a Grace Partner today!

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Daniel Bennett
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Daniel Bennett grew up on the mission field and has loved ministry ever since. He has served in the Air Force, been a missionary in Nicaragua and Russia, and worked at multiple Charis Bible College campuses. He graduated from Charis in 2009 and from the University of Colorado Springs in 2012. Daniel currently serves as Executive Director of Academics at Charis Woodland Park. He and his wife, Ashley, enjoy being a part of a ministry that's changing lives around the world.

Imagine yourself at the top of a hill, garden hose in hand, pouring water down the hillside. Where is all that water going to go? Because of gravity, it will always take the path of least resistance. If there's a tree in its way, the water will always flow around it. The water makes no decisions.

God hasn't called us to live like that. Now imagine a tank driving down a hill. Where does the tank go? Wherever it wants. If there's a tree in its way, it can go around or plough right through the tree. Like the tank, **we have the ability to choose our own destiny.**

Matthew 14 describes Jesus calming a storm and walking on water. The interesting thing is that Jesus didn't calm the storm for Himself. He calmed it for His disciples. The storm is symbolic of the external forces trying to push us in a certain direction. The storm didn't bother Jesus. It wasn't going to change His destination.

God doesn't want the storms in life to determine our destiny either. God's desire for us is to be overcomers. The key to this is to have more resistance inside of us than there is on the outside. The obstacles don't disappear, but it becomes easier for us to overcome them than to deny who we are in Christ.

Facing Resistance

We are called to reject being conformed to this world and instead be transformed by the renewing of our mind to the truth (Rom. 12:2).

Some interpret Matthew 14 to mean we should call out to Jesus every time there's a storm. However, I believe God's best is for believers to be like Jesus. Why could Jesus walk on water? What was *inside* of Him was stronger than the storm.

Every person that God foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son (Rom. 8:29). **If you've been born again, you have been predestined to be conformed to the image of Jesus. You can resist what the world says.**

First John 5:4 says, "*Whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith*" (NKJV). Are you born of God? Then you're an overcomer. **As promised in Isaiah 26:3, you can be at peace no matter what's happening around you if you keep your mind stayed on God.**

You can choose to be who God created you to be no matter what obstacle crosses your path because there's resistance *within* you that is greater than any resistance you'll face in this world!



There's a Charis near You!

Have you had a desire on your heart to go to Charis, but the thought of uprooting your life to relocate seems too difficult? We've got good news! We have Charis Bible College locations here in the United Kingdom and around the world.

Charis - one school, many locations.

- Carrie Pickett, vice president of Charis Bible College

There are currently **twenty-one Charis locations in the United States** and **thirty international campuses**. Deanne Gissel, Director of Stateside Operations, graduated from Charis Phoenix. Given the demands of her husband's career and their family life, she would not have been able to attend Charis without the school's convenient Arizona location - one of many such locations around the United States.

Carigan T. has a similar testimony. She says,

I knew God was calling me to Charis, but I wasn't ready to move across the country to the main campus [in Woodland Park]. Through [attending] Charis Little Rock, I was able to grow in my relationship with God and my faith to be able to attend the

main campus for Third-Year [Film and Production School].

We hear so many testimonies like this from people all over the United States and around the world - people living real lives, juggling work, children, house maintenance, and everything else. One such woman is Melanie H. who completed the hybrid part-time option at Charis Orlando while homeschooling her six children. Melanie says, "I would recommend looking at the different options because it's the same Holy Spirit, the same classes, and you're not missing out. . . . If you're really wanting to come to Charis, don't ever think it's too late."

At Charis you're getting the same DNA and heart no matter which campus you attend - whether a U.S. location or an international campus. Each Charis campus director is a graduate of

Charis Bible College and has undergone a fourth year of intense training to ensure that all campuses have unified goals and vision. Deanne Gissel says, "It's the same sound doctrine and curriculum whether you go to Phoenix, Arizona, or Nice, France. The key is to go where God directs you to be."

Charis provides a number of attendance options. In addition to traditional on-campus study at one of our domestic, international, or Woodland Park, Colorado, campus locations, Charis also offers convenient online and hybrid programs.

Is God calling you to a deeper relationship with Him? Are you ready to uncover the purpose He has for your life? Charis Bible College is committed to helping you grow in your walk with the Lord and in discovering your God-given purpose. It's a place for all those seeking the truth.

God has so much for you - it's time to discover it! To learn more about all the ways you can attend Charis or to find a Charis campus near you, go to **charisbiblecollege.org.uk** or scan this QR code:



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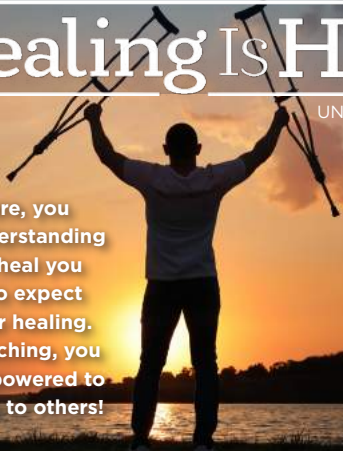
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