

GREATER THAN

Part 1: You Plus God = Greater

NOBODY SAID THIS WOULD BE EASY

A. Poll of 2000 people regarding their concerns

1. Getting old in general
2. Savings, financial future
3. Job security (#6)

B. Jesus referenced the world we live in (*John 16:33 NIV*)

1. He never indicated we would live trouble free
2. He did promise that connected to Him we would have peace
3. Our response is to live encouraged; we're on the winning side

NO STORYBOOK LIFE

A. A toxic environment (*Genesis 37:2-5 NIV*)

1. The challenge of 4 wives and 12 sons
2. The natural tendency of people to be jealous
3. Compounded by the fact that Joseph was obviously favored

B. A dark situation (*Genesis 37:24; 26-28 NIV*)

1. Thrown into a pit with the debate being whether or not to kill him
2. Pulled out and sold to slave traders

C. A place with no future (*Genesis 39:1-2 NIV*)

1. Joseph was not a partner, he was someone's property

D. But there was more to Joseph than what met the eye

1. He knew he was loved by his father
2. He had dreams from God - without a Bible to refer to this was God's promise to him
3. The Lord was with Joseph

THE PARALLELS BETWEEN JOSEPH AND US TODAY

A. We can buy into the fact that we are loved

1. Love from family and friends is important, but not the last word
2. We take God at His word that He really loves us (*1 John 3:1a NIV*)

B. Connect with God through His word and His promises (*2 Peter 1:4 NIV*)

1. We have something more sure than a dream

C. Choose to believe that God is with you (*Hebrews 13:5-6 NKJV*)

1. His presence is not always felt, but His promise to us is more powerful than feelings