

## Way of the Nacho – Week 4

### Nacho Supreme

We're in week 4 of the Way of the Nacho and let's do a little recap of everything we have talked about so far. Remember, we first found Joseph and Nacho dreaming some pretty big dreams, and we talked about how God desires us to dream big dreams and that those dreams can become a reality when we draw close to him. We talked about how it was a relationship thing. As our relationship with God drew stronger, our dreams for ourselves would begin to look more like God's dreams.

Then in week two we saw how things weren't working out the way Joseph and Nacho had planned. Joseph was sold into slavery and Nacho just couldn't win. From those two we learned that we are going to go through times when the plans and dreams that we have and that God has for us just aren't going to work out. We've been praying about making a decision in our lives and we feel we are doing God's will but it just won't work out. We were reminded from the life of Joseph that God was with Joseph and that God will be with us.

Then last week we saw how God was working in the life of Joseph and saw how hard Nacho was working to make his dreams come true. Nacho was training physically by some pretty crazy methods. Joseph was being prepared by God through some pretty difficult situations. We learned that God will use the difficult situations and the wonderful situations to train us and prepare us for the road ahead.

Last week when we left Joseph he wasn't in the best of positions. He had just interpreted the dream for the cupbearer and the baker and he thought that maybe he could get a good word in to the Pharaoh and get out of prison. Didn't happen, and so there he was still in prison.

The great thing about this story is that "The Lord was with Joseph." You see, Pharaoh started having dreams and he wanted to know what these dreams meant. Of course, the cupbearer remembered how Joseph had helped him out so he told the Pharaoh of the time that Joseph had interpreted dreams. Sounded like a good idea to Pharaoh, so they called on Joseph and of course Joseph came through.

Pharaoh had a dream of some really good looking cows, 7 of them and then he saw 7 other really ugly cows. The really ugly, skinny, wimpy looking cows ate up the good looking ones. Then Pharaoh had a dream where there was a stalk of wheat that had 7 good, healthy ears of grain on them. Then 7 dried up, shriveled up ears grew up right next to the healthy ones. The bad ones ate up the good ones.

Joseph told Pharaoh that his dream meant there would be 7 years of plenty. Things would be great for those 7 years. They would have plenty of food and that they should store up all that food because after 7 years of plenty there will be a 7 year famine and it will use up all that they have stored up from the previous 7 years.

Joseph interpreted the dream and things started to get "Really Good" for Joseph. He was placed in command over all of Egypt. Pharaoh did his Pharaoh thing and Joseph was put in charge of the day to day business of the entire country of Egypt. Things were working out. The good 7 years was going on and everybody seemed to be happy.

It seemed like God had finally come through for Joseph. He had everything that he could want. There were times in which we didn't think life would ever work out for him, but Joseph was definitely living the good life.

Just like Joseph had interpreted, there were 7 great years in Egypt. Tons of food and money and everything that makes life easy. But as soon as those 7 years were over the next 7 years of famine hit hard.

Joseph being the intelligent man he was made sure that the leaders of Egypt put the extra grain and food into storage. As other people began to run out of food and supplies, they came to Joseph to get more.

Well, it just so happens that Joseph's former family was in need of some food, and it just so happens they go to Egypt, to Joseph, to get more food. Things were starting to work out. The dreams were coming true.

There are some details in this story that I am going to skip over, but here is the important part.

"When Joseph got home, they presented him with the gifts they had brought and bowed respectfully before him. Genesis 43:26"

He could have taken this opportunity to really make his brothers pay. To be honest, I guess he could have killed them if he had wanted to. He could have paid them back for the decision they made to sell him into slavery. For 17 years he had suffered because of what they had done to him. This was his chance.

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Nacho and Joseph were both at crucial points in fulfilling their dreams. They could have responded in several different ways. Nacho could give up because he knew he was outmatched and Joseph could have chosen not to continue to be faithful to God's calling on his life.

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It must have been an incredible moment in the journey of Nacho. He was finally the great wrestler that he had always wanted to be. He had succeeded. The dreams had come true.

Now, it's Joseph's turn. Here's what he did: When Joseph finally revealed himself to his brothers,

the Bible says "his sobbing was so violent that the Egyptians couldn't help but hear him (Genesis 45:2)."

I wonder still how his brothers were feeling when they realized this guy was the brother they had sold into slavery. I am pretty sure they were scared. Joseph did have the power to have them killed, but listen to this.

Joseph said, "But don't feel badly, don't blame yourselves for selling me. God was behind it (Genesis 45:5)."

Joseph really came through. For his entire journey Joseph was faithful, and in the end he was truly faithful to the call and the dream that God had for his life. He had every right to get back at his brothers. He had gone through some tough things because of them. While he was in prison, he could have been plotting his revenge on his brothers, but in the end he chose to be faithful to God.

So, what do we learn from Joseph? This entire story works out for Joseph because Joseph continued to be faithful to God's call on his life.

As we are faithful to God, God is faithful to us.

You want to see your dreams come true? You want to do God's will in every situation in life? It's all about being faithful. Being faithful means living a life that is filled with love for God and love for others. As we are faithful in living that life, God will be faithful in guiding us.

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It's this give and take thing that as we live our lives faithfully for God, God will always be faithful to us.

Nehemiah 1:5 "I said, "GOD, God-of-Heaven, the great and awesome God, loyal to his covenant and faithful to those who love him and obey his commands."

The best part about this story is how much God wants Joseph to succeed. God succeeded when Joseph succeeded.

#### God succeeds when we succeed

And when we succeed in living out God's love in our lives and succeed in doing his will in everything, God succeeds. God rejoices when we rejoice.

God wants to see your dreams come true and to see his will work out in your life. We simply have to remain faithful to him and allow him to work in and through our lives. God wants you to succeed in life because when you succeed, he succeeds.

I wish the Joseph story went into more detail about the things that Joseph was thinking and feeling. That's because I want to know if Joseph was thinking to himself, "remember where I started, and look where I am now." Joseph could now look back over the course of his life and see God's hand the entire way. While he was going through some of those things, he probably didn't see everything God was trying to do, but now that he was at the end of the journey he could look back and see where God was working.

#### We can look back and see God's hand

And as you get through those big decisions in your life. As you face the things along the journey that happen to us all, you will be able to look back on that journey and see how well God's plan and will worked out in your life. It won't always be perfect, but it will always work out.

It all comes down to being faithful to God through it all, even when it doesn't always seem like the end is near. Remember, God was with Joseph and he will always be with you.

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