

Way of the Nacho – Week 3

Makin' Nachos

So here we are in week three of “The Way of the Nacho,” and we have seen both Joseph and Nacho’s dreams. Joseph dreamed that his family would one day bow down to him and Nacho dreamed that one day he would be a famous wrestler.

But as we saw last week, things weren’t working out the way that Joseph and Nacho had dreamed life would be. Joseph was sold into slavery and taken to Egypt and Nacho lost to some pretty scary little people. In all the things that went wrong in the story of Joseph we were able to see more than just a story. We were able to see that through everything God was with Joseph.

So here you are today – you know that God has a plan for you and wants to see your dreams come true – you know that sometimes the plans don’t work out the way you think they should, but that God is still working to see those plans through. Now, the question is, “What do you do next?” You’ve got the dreams and you’ve got the plan and you know God is there, but what is your role? What are some steps you can take to make dreams happen.

Let’s go a little farther in the story of Joseph. Last time we read we found Joseph being sold into slavery by his brothers and headed to Egypt. Things were definitely looking down for him. Once in Egypt we read that Joseph was sold again as a slave to Potiphar. Potiphar was a pretty important person in Egypt. He’d be one of the vice presidents or something like that. So Joseph starts working for Potiphar, taking care of his day to day stuff, and all of a sudden everything Joseph touched was blessed. Things really started to go well for Joseph, and everything he touched succeeded. Potiphar wasn’t an idiot, so he put Joseph in charge of everything. It was almost as if Joseph wasn’t a slave anymore.

Joseph was definitely headed in the right direction. The dreams that we read about early might have a chance to come through now. I am sure Joseph was getting pretty excited.

First of all you have to know that Joseph was apparently a pretty good looking guy. Girls, I think we might need some help on this one. Joseph would probably be rated a 10, but us guys probably need something to compare a “10” to. So help me out with these next few guys by rating them for us.

Orlando Bloom
Justin Timberlake
Jesse Metcalfe
Mr. Bean

Only twice in the Bible are people referred to as beautiful and Joseph is one of them. His good looks got him in trouble because Potiphar’s wife tried to hook up with Joseph. She waited till he was alone and then asked him to have an affair. Joseph took off so fast his shirt just disappeared. .

Potiphar’s wife didn’t like the response, and she was determined to get back at Joseph. She told her husband that Joseph was trying to get with her, and this just ticked Potiphar off. And the dream was shattered, Joseph was thrown into prison.

Joseph, sitting in prison, it wasn’t a good picture. Would it ever go right for him? But remember that God was with Joseph. While in prison, Joseph was put in charge of all the prisoners. It was almost like he wasn’t a prisoner. Things seemed to be looking up.

Then Joseph met the King's former cupbearer and baker. The baker would bake and the cupbearer would take care of the Pharaoh's cup. Sounds like the Pharaoh was a little prissy. Couldn't hold his own cup? Anyways, these guys both had dreams and they didn't know what it meant. Joseph being the dream master interpreted those dreams for them.

The cupbearer was told that his dream meant that in 3 days he would be back at his old job again serving Pharaoh. Joseph said, hey, remember me when you get there. Get me out of here.

The baker was told that in 3 days he would be impaled on a stick and that birds would peck at his skin. Yeah, that dream kind of sucked. Hope he wasn't expecting good news.

The dreams came true and Joseph saw his dreams coming back into view. He was expecting the cupbearer to put in a good word for him and get him out, but of course it didn't work out that way. The cupbearer forgot and Joseph was still in prison. Could anything else go wrong?

I look at a story like this and I see how everything seemed to continue to happen to Joseph. Nothing would go right. It had to be so frustrating for him.

I want to ask the same thing in our lives. As a Christian we are growing in our relationship with God, because all of this is dependent on a growing relationship with God, and we are seeking his will in everything. We just want to do the right thing and serve God, follow his plan and see our dreams come true. But then bad stuff happens or things don't work out the way that we planned. I just want to ask WHY? Why don't things always work out and why do we face difficult situations like Joseph?

Here is an answer to that question: Hebrews 12:7 says, "God is educating you; that's why you must never drop out. He's treating you as dear children. This trouble you're in isn't punishment; it's training."

So that's it. God was with Joseph and during that time he was preparing Joseph, strengthening him, and training him for other things that might come his way in the future.

For us, I see it like this. As we serve God and live out our dreams, all the difficult things we face and every time when things don't work out like we imagine – we need to realize we are in training. We are in training for future things – doing God's work, making our dreams come true, anything. God is working in us to make us more like him, strengthening us, and getting us in shape for life.

All that said, what does it take, what do you have to do to help see God's dreams and your dreams come true in our lives? Let's see what Nacho says about all that.

Nacho Libre Clip: 0:18:12 – 0:19:30

Nacho wanted to be a professional wrestler, and he knew that in order to do that he was going to need to do something about it. His next step was getting a partner. So one of the things that we learn from Nacho about doing God's will, or following his plan is to do something.

You Gotta Do Something

Here's what I mean. Let's say you are a little stinky and you need to take a shower. Well, you can try just imagining taking a shower, but until you get your stinky self in the shower and wash yourself, you are still going to stink.

Maybe you want to be some great athlete. Well, it's not going to happen by sitting on the couch playing video games and eating twinkies a box at a time. The only way it will happen is if you get up and get started.

Joseph could have gotten down and depressed about his situation, but he continued to follow God and "The Lord was with Joseph."

Here's what Nacho does next:

Nacho Libre Clip: 0:19:30 – 0:22:03

Man, smearing that poop on his face! That was awesome. So what was it that helped Nacho take the next step? He had to train and he had to work. Let's jump to the story of Joseph because he had to go through some crazy training.

Joseph too. He was facing situation after situation of training and preparation. He was growing stronger from it, but it was still difficult work.

Doing God's Will is Work

Game – Thumb Wrestling

Nacho Libre Clip: 0:36:46 – 0:43:28

Sick! That part always grosses me out. Nacho went through all that trouble, but if you watched a little bit more of the movie you would realize that the eagle eggs didn't work. He tried to take a short cut, but it failed.

Joseph could have forgotten about the dreams he had. He could have headed down another path or tried some other way to make his dreams come true. But he knew that it took some work, some effort on his part.

He knew he had to **Trust In God**

God was still with Joseph through everything and it was because Joseph trusted in God. He knew that if there was any chance to see these dreams come true, he had to put his trust in him and allow God to work it out.

As you are seeking to do Gods will - Maybe it is the job you need to get this summer . . . maybe it is whether you should go on a school trip or youth group trip . . . maybe it is whether or not you should try out for a sports team . . . – all the difficult things, great things, fun things, weird things that happen, God is using them to prepare you.

What is he preparing you for? The future . . . when the dreams come true . . . when his will is done in you.