

Way of the Nacho  
Week 5 – Share Your Nachos

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We have followed Joseph for 4 weeks now, and we have seen how God has shown Joseph the plan for his life and helped see that plan through. Joseph had dreams of his brothers bowing down to him, and then we saw last week how they came true.

Nacho had his dreams of being a great wrestler and last week he had the opportunity to beat Ramses and came through with an awesome victory.

In the middle of all this dreaming and following God's will there is one final thing I want to leave you with. We know that God wants us to dream big and seek his will. It is also important to know that we will go through difficult times, but in those times God is with us and uses those difficult times to strengthen us and prepare us for life. Finally we learned that God is faithful as we are faithful. So the last thing I want you to understand is that

**God Blesses You So You Bless Others.**

Nacho Libre Clip: 0:58:40 – 01:00:40

According to Encarnacion, God would only bless Nacho's wrestling if he were to wrestle for the purpose of something good. Most wrestlers were about their own fame and glory, but Nacho had to be different if he wanted to be blessed by God.

Let's go back in Joseph's story to see how God used Joseph to bless others.

Genesis 39:2 – 5

"As it turned out, GOD was with Joseph and things went very well with him. He ended up living in the home of his Egyptian master. 3His master recognized that GOD was with him, saw that GOD was working for good in everything he did. 4He became very fond of Joseph and made him his personal aide. He put him in charge of all his personal affairs, turning everything over to him. 5From that moment on, GOD blessed the home of the Egyptian--all because of Joseph. The blessing of GOD spread over everything he owned, at home and in the fields, 6and all Potiphar had to concern himself with was eating three meals a day."

God was taking care of Joseph here, and because of Joseph's obedience Potiphar was blessed too. Potiphar's home was blessed all because of Joseph.

Just a few verses later we find the same kind of thing.

Genesis 29:20 – 23

20Joseph's master took him and threw him into the jail where the king's prisoners were locked up. But there in jail 21GOD was still with Joseph: He reached out in kindness to him; he put him on good terms with the head jailer. 22The head jailer put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners--he ended up managing the whole operation. 23The head jailer gave Joseph free rein, never even checked on him, because GOD was with him; whatever he did GOD made sure it worked out for the best.

God was doing some amazing things through Joseph. Other people were experiencing great things in their lives as well. I love how we can see God working here. It gives us the big picture of everything going on in Joseph's life.

Nacho Libre Clip: 01:00:40 – 01:04:08

Nacho had decided that he would wrestle for the children. He then hoped that God would bless him for his good intentions.

In Genesis 41:38-43 God is doing the same thing again in Joseph's life. Things keep going well for Joseph and they keep going well for the people around Joseph.

"Then Pharaoh said to his officials, 'Isn't this the man we need? Are we going to find anyone else who has God's spirit in him like this?' 39So Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'You're the man for us. God has given you the inside story--no one is as qualified as you in experience and wisdom. 40From now on, you're in charge of my affairs; all my people will report to you. Only as king will I be over you.' 41So Pharaoh commissioned Joseph: 'I'm putting you in charge of the entire country of Egypt.' 42Then Pharaoh removed his signet ring from his finger and slipped it on Joseph's hand. He outfitted him in robes of the best linen and put a gold chain around his neck. 43He put the second-in-command chariot at his disposal, and as he rode people shouted 'Bravo!' Joseph was in charge of the entire country of Egypt."

I hope you see the size of all this. This isn't just a few people involved here. God is blessing hundreds of thousands of people through the life of Joseph. Through that blessing, others are able to see how great God is. Joseph has become a living testimony about the goodness of God.

Last week we saw how Nacho really came through when Encarnacion and the children were supporting him. Now we can see exactly how he was used to bless other people.

Nacho Libre Clip: Nacho, Encarnacion, and the students are in the bus and travel to see ancient ruins. Last clip of the movie

Genesis 45:17-23

Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Tell your brothers, 'This is the plan: Load up your pack animals; go to Canaan, 18get your father and your families and bring them back here. I'll settle you on the best land in Egypt--you'll live off the fat of the land.' 19'Also tell them this: 'Here's what I want you to do: Take wagons from Egypt to carry your little ones and your wives and load up your father and come back. 20Don't worry about having to leave things behind; the best in all of Egypt will be yours.'" 21And they did just that, the sons of Israel. Joseph gave them the wagons that Pharaoh had promised and food for the trip. 22He outfitted all the brothers in brand-new clothes, but he gave Benjamin three hundred pieces of silver and several suits of clothes. 23He sent his father these gifts: ten donkeys loaded with Egypt's best products and another ten donkeys loaded with grain and bread, provisions for his father's journey back.

God wants not just to see his will done in your life, but I believe that he wants to use you to make a difference in the lives of others. This isn't about a Bible story, but it is about real life and how God wants to use you to bless others.

### **Look For Ways You Can Bless Others**

Some of you are going to grow up and be very successful in the business world, or maybe even an American Idol. God's not blessing you in those areas just so you can have a good life. I believe he expects us to bless others through our money.

Maybe God has given you some special abilities to sing, play sports, or draw. God didn't give you those to only use for yourself. He wants you to bless others with those gifts.

Maybe it is even with your time. God can use you through giving your time to others. Maybe that is being a part of Full Service leadership here at church. Maybe that is volunteering to help with service projects in your community and school.

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God has big plans for you. Follow him and remain faithful to his will for your life, and remember that God will use you to bless others.