

Mid-Week Service - Wednesday, April 18, 2018

SERIES: You're Going to Get Through This

SUBJECT: You Cannot Lose Your Destiny

Genesis 37:28 MES

By that time the Midianite traders were passing by. His brothers pulled Joseph out of the cistern and sold him for twenty pieces of silver to the Ishmaelites who took Joseph with them down to Egypt.

Sometimes we **sabotage** our own **success**, by sharing what is not **meant to be shared**, with people who are not ready to hear it.

Joseph's life came down with a **horrendous crash**. **Put down** by his **siblings**, **thrown down** into an **empty well**, **let down** by his **brothers**, **sold down** the river **like a slave**, and then **led down** the road to **Egypt** as a **captive**.

Stripped of **name**, **status**, **family**, and **stability**. Everything he had, everything he thought he'd ever have, gone in a day. Gone just like that.

Joseph had no way of knowing **the specifics of his future**, but the dream told him he would have **a place of prominence** in the **midst of his family**. And Joseph latched on to that promise. He kept telling his self, "I am called to **a destiny** that is greater than the **one I am living**". He told himself, "**God has greater plans for my life**". God had a **destiny for Joseph**. God has **a destiny for you**. The question is **do you believe it?**

There is **rhyme and reason** to everything happening in your life. There is a **purpose behind your pain**. Nothing is happening to you **by accident**, but that **the hand of God** is guiding you, towards **the destination** for which God **created you**. There is **one gift** that **troubles cannot touch**. Your destiny! You cannot **lose your destiny**.

You are God's child! Find out why **He put you here**, and then **call yourself**, what **God calls you**. Too many times we name ourselves **by our troubles**, or you call yourself **what you've been through**. "I'm a **divorcee**". "I'm an **addict**, I'm a **felon**, I'm a **failure**, I'm **bankrupt**, I'm **disabled**, I'm **handicapped**". You are **more than that**. Sometimes we **settle for a smaller destiny**; "Just want to **make money**". "Just want to **make friends**". "Just want to **make a career**." Why settle for **lessor**, when God designed **you for greater**.

Destiny reinforces your future, it **increases your potential**, and it **adds value to your worth**.