

Work in Progress Series
Week 5 outline
10-8-23
Gen 37-50, Mark 6:35-44

WORK AS WORSHIP

I. Joseph the Arrogant Dreamer

- Received dream of his future
- Was not yet prepared for his future calling
- Response by family
- Ends up a Slave and a Prisoner

Biblical definition of Worship: giving our deepest affections and highest praise to something.

HOW DO WE WORSHIP GOD IN ALL THINGS?

II. We are NOT alone!

- Jesus' Great Commission **Matthew 28: 19**
- I AM WITH YOU! In Christ, we are NEVER meant to do things alone.
- We are co-laborers with Christ **1 Corinthians 3:9a** (KJV)
- Our possible responses to the Great commission...
 1. That's a big Job, God you do it
 2. That's a big Job... but I think I can do it on my own
 3. The THIRD WAY! We serve and work WITH God to fulfill His plans & purposes

III. His Yoke is Easy, but its still a yoke... **Matthew 11:28-30**

- God's Yoke is easy and His burden is light. But we are still working WITH him
- He is the BIG ox. We are the small ox.
- We get to follow His lead
- He has us where we are on purpose! (Ester 4:14)

HOW DO WE WORSHIP AND WORK WITH GOD WHEN ITS REALLY HARD?

IV. Joseph's time as a Slave.

- Joseph was a gifted man, but needed refinement. Don't we all?! **Phil 1:6**
- Joseph with the Lord, the Lord with Joseph **Col 3:23**- (NIV)
 - *Learning humility*
 - *Learning to work as unto the Lord not for man..*
- **Gen 39:2** - *The Lord was with Joseph, so he became a successful man.*
- *Everywhere Joseph worked was blessed*
 - *the house he served as a slave*
 - *the jail he stayed in as a prisoner*
 - *BOTH places God called Joseph a SUCCESSFUL Man!*

V. Joseph's time as a Prisoner

- *Worked hard, Gifts rose him to high position in the prison*
- *Whole prison was blessed because of him*
 - *Is your area of influence blessed because of you?*
- *Destined for the Palace, found in the prison....*

BETWEEN THE PRISON AND THE PALACE IS THE PROCESS!

- *Don't neglect the process. Follow the big ox!*
 1. *What Process does God have you in? (nothing is wasted!)*
 2. *What area is the Lord working on you and growing you?*
 3. *What area is the Lord working to root out of you things that are not of Him?*

IF GOD INHABITS THE PRAISES OF HIS PEOPLE, WHO INHABITS THE COMPLAINTS?

VI. Working as Co-Laborers with Christ (Mark 6:35-44)

- *Problem solving with Jesus!*
 1. *We see a problem or opportunity*
 2. *Jesus asks what we have to offer*
 3. *We give our little and HE multiplies it*
 4. *Jesus gives us what we need... time and time and time again!*
 5. *We get to pour out what Jesus gives to us*
 6. *ALL are satisfied. Even us!*

THERE IS SUSTENANCE FOR US ALL AS WE CO-LABOR WITH CHRIST!

- *We worship Him at work when we....*
 1. *Remember that we are exactly where He wants us to be*
 2. *Know we are yoked with Him and not alone*
 3. *When we follow HIS leading in our everyday (He's the big ox!)*
 4. *When we feel His presence and see Him at work*
 5. *We are filled and sustained by HIS purposes and plans that we get to be a part.*