

THE SIX WEEK PURSUIT HEROE'S LEGACY

WEEK 2 – HUMBLeness

Thursday - “Humble Brag”

Bible Study

Read Genesis 37:1- 10, Genesis 37:18-36. You may also read Genesis Chapters 39 – 46 to get the whole story.

Devotional:

Growing up, I was very competitive. Let's be honest – I am STILL very competitive. My little brother would use that to his advantage as often as possible. He would bet me that he was better at tag, or fastest to clean their room, best at school, most friends, etc. So you could bet that if he told me I would be submitting to him at some point, I would laugh in his face!

This is exactly what Joseph did. I bet he didn't think about the consequences right away, but the second time he told his dream to the family, I think he had a little bit of satisfaction knowing he was going to be something greater than his older brothers. Even his dad scolded him! Unlike Joseph's brothers, I didn't feel like killing my brother, but selling him did sound tempting.

As Joseph continued through his trials of slavery, false accusations, and jail time, he learned a lot about being humble. God was with Joseph through it all, so he continued to excel in everything he did: slavery, personal assisting, jail time, and dream interpretation. Joseph went from a bragging little brother to a ruler of Egypt!

Did you notice that Joseph had to have everything stripped away from him to learn humbleness? He lost his family, his independence, his freedom, and his reputation. Yes, he was better for it, but what a loss!

What about you? Are you in danger of losing things just to learn humbleness? It wasn't until Joseph stopped focusing on himself and started focusing on God that he began to succeed in his endeavors. We need to be focused on Jesus. We need to stop “bragging” and start doing. God gave Joseph those dreams for a reason, just like He gave you those talents and gifts. Let's give glory where glory is due – to God!

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Challenge:

Reflect on your day. Were you braggy? What do you think the people you bragged to felt? How can you turn that brag into an action that points to God?

Prayer:

This week, pray about your gifts and talents the Lord has given you. Ask Him how you can use them. If you are struggling to discover your gifts and talents, ask God to reveal them to you.