

NO AVERAGE JOE: GOD'S GRACE CAN SEE YOU THROUGH

Part 2: A Grace Based Attitude

THE DAILY CHALLENGE OF MAINTAINING A GOOD ATTITUDE

❖ Some helpful ideas

- ✦ Attitude is about choice not genetics
- ✦ Going negative will not help you
- ✦ Practicing gratitude is the best attitude maintenance strategy

❖ The impact of grace on your attitude

- ✦ That you are loved by God
- ✦ That He has a destiny for you better than what you are experiencing
- ✦ That God can help you regardless of the situation you are in *(Psalm 34:4 NKJ)*

FROM THE PIT TO THE PRISON

❖ A highly unfavorable situation but God was there *(Genesis 39:1-5 NKJ)*

- ✦ Joseph was not free and in a godless environment
- ✦ Joseph did a good job - found favor and served the Egyptian
- ✦ His secret weapon was that the Lord was with Joseph

❖ Joseph maintained a good heart before God *(Genesis 39:8-9 NKJ)*

- ✦ He would not be disloyal to his Egyptian master
- ✦ He regarded God highly - did not want to sin against God

❖ Another opportunity to go negative *(Genesis 39:20-23 NKJ)*

- ✦ He was unjustly accused and sent to prison
- ✦ But the Lord was with Joseph - which means he was going to come out OK

A GRACE BASED ATTITUDE

❖ It's about grace not place

- ✦ Joseph was blessed in two extremely difficult environments *(Romans 15:4 NKJ)*
- ✦ God can help you and bless you regardless of the environment you are in

❖ Choose to do the right thing - regardless *(1 Peter 2:15-17 NIV)*

- ✦ Joseph was honorable toward God and the people in his life
- ✦ Give God something to bless
- ✦ Doing right by other people - out of respect for God
- ✦ Doing right even when you've not been done right

❖ Develop an "I'm coming through this" mentality

- ✦ Joseph had to believe that God was with him and would help him
- ✦ You have a promise you can depend on *(Hebrew 13:5-6 NKJ)*