

# **GREATER THAN**

## **Part 2: Staying Connected In The Dark**

### **IT'S NOT JUST WHAT WE GO THROUGH BUT HOW WE GO THROUGH**

#### **A. This isn't heaven yet**

1. Evil is here
2. People do crazy wrong things
3. This world's system operates in the dark (fear, selfishness, negativity)

#### **B. But Jesus let us know this ahead of time (*John 16:33 NIV*)**

1. This is why staying connected to Him is important
2. He is the One who helps us overcome

### **JOSEPH: KEEPING A LIGHT ON IN THE DARK**

#### **A. Made the most in a bad situation (*Genesis 39:3-5 NIV*)**

1. Joseph must have done good work
2. He must have kept a good attitude
3. Joseph gave God something to bless - and blessed the Egyptian because of him

#### **B. From bad to worse (*Genesis 39:7-10 NIV*)**

1. Joseph was honorable even as a slave
2. Even though Joseph was doing the right thing (*Genesis 39:17-23 NIV*)

#### **C. But the Lord was with him**

1. Joseph had to have held on to the dream, his promise from God
2. God's favor plus Joseph's good attitude caused him to prosper even in a prison

### **WHAT IF JOSEPH WAS OUR MENTOR: WHAT COULD HE TELL US?**

#### **A. Stay connected to God's blessings (*Deuteronomy 28:2 & 8 NIV*)**

1. Blessings from obedience and from action
2. We actually have a better connection with God through the Lord Jesus

#### **B. Bitter won't make better**

1. We can't control what people do - we can control our response
2. Bitterness does not lead to a good place - toward people or toward God
3. Reject the temptation to be derailed by bitterness - we chose what we hold onto

#### **C. Keep a "But God" perspective**

1. Whatever we are dealing with is not the last word (*Romans 8:31 NIV*)