



## Joseph's Patience -- Week 3

### Announcements

**101 Starting Point** -- Sunday, October 6th, at 5:00 pm at all campuses. Starting Point is the first step toward getting involved at Church of the King by learning about the vision and mission of the church. Register at [www.churchoftheking.com/register](http://www.churchoftheking.com/register)

**Women's Night** – Dianne Wilson, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will have small groups launching following Women's Night. These groups will go through a 4-week message series by Dianne Wilson.

**Are you looking for a place for your small group to serve?** Bring your small group members to 101 Starting Point to serve as Connectors. Our Connectors serve as a way to help make 101 Starting Point a great experience for all who attend. Email [Pathway@Churchoftheking.com](mailto:Pathway@Churchoftheking.com) to find out more information on how to get involved.

### Warm-up

What was your favorite TV show when you were a kid? Why?

Many times we attach ourselves to people or characters in TV shows or movies because they help us dream about what our life can be like. God wants to give us dreams and he wants to help us in the transitions necessary to reach our dreams.

In our discussion today we will be looking at the life of Joseph to learn how we can hold on to our dream and watch it come to reality.

### Word and Application

**Read Genesis 37:1-5, 19-20.** What do you think were some mistakes Joseph made in his relationships with his brothers?

No matter what you do, you are going to hit some bumps in the road to fulfilling your god-given dream. It is your determination and faith in God that will help you keep your focus and your strength as you pursue your dream.

**Read Genesis 37:10.** Not only will we all experience possible roadblocks in our journey towards fulfilling our god-given dreams, but we will also face possible opposition from those to whom we are closest.

How should we react when we face discouragement/opposition from people we are closest to?  
How can you draw strength from God when you are discouraged?

*“Do not sorrow, for the **joy of the LORD is your strength**”* Nehemiah 8:10.

In the midst of challenges we can find our joy and strength in God. We can be encouraged during these times because of God’s promise found in Romans 8:28, *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose.”*

**Read James 1:2-3.** How do these verses help you have the correct perspective as you walk through difficult times?

The last word in James 1:3 is the word “patience.” We need to learn to rely and trust God even when we don’t understand his timing or the process he is bringing us through.

What is the most difficult part about having patience through your trials?

If we don’t embrace our trials and look for God’s greater outcome we will give up. What happens if we give up instead of remaining patient during life’s challenges?

One of the greatest ways to keep an eternal perspective is to realize God is most interested in our character development and our growth in our relationship with Jesus. We are usually more interested in our accomplishments (What we do) and God is more interested in who we are becoming.

**Read Genesis 50:20** to see how Joseph was able to keep an eternal perspective through life’s challenges. Joseph stayed focused on God instead of his own problems.

How will your life change for the good if you keep your focus on God instead of focusing on your problems?

Just like Joseph led a great life and left a legacy, we can do the same thing if we choose to patiently pursue God and the plans he has for our lives.

## Prayer

Ask God to help each person in your small group to embrace the challenges in their lives as a way to grow closer to God and the purpose he has for their lives. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.