

Prevailing Over Unplanned Detours

Summer at The Bayou – Part 5

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“¹⁹When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, ‘This is how your slave treated me,’ he burned with anger. ²⁰Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹the Lord was with him; He showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. ²²So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph’s care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.” Genesis 39:19-23 (NIV)

Principles to Reach Your God Dreams:

1. Expect the **UNEXPECTED**.

“Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison ... ” Genesis 39:20 (NIV)

2. Follow **GOD’S PATH** regardless.

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3. Focus on God’s **PROMISES**.

“⁵Joseph had a dream ... ⁷‘We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it.’ ... ⁹Then he had another dream ... ‘and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.’” Genesis 37:5-9 (NIV)

“⁸‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,’ declares the Lord.

⁹‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.’” Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

Winning Attitudes for the Long Haul:

1. Give every task your **BEST!**

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.” Colossians 3:23 (GNT)

2. Don’t give up **TOO SOON!**

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

3. Always **ACKNOWLEDGE** the Lord!

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)