



Easley Church of God
Sunday Worship 9-4-22
Sermon Series: LABELS-5

Key Verse for this Series:

1 Corinthians 6:11

Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right (justified) with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Today's Text:

Genesis 40:6-15, 23

6 And Joseph came in to them in the morning and looked at them, and saw that they were sad.
7 So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in the custody of his lord's house, saying, "Why do you look so sad today?" 8 And they said to him, "We each have had a dream, and there is no interpreter of it." So Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell them to me, please." 9 Then the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "Behold, in my dream a vine was before me, 10 and in the vine were three branches; it was as though it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and its clusters brought forth ripe grapes. 11 Then Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand." 12 And Joseph said to him, "This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days. 13 Now within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your place, and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand according to the former

manner, when you were his butler. 14 But remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house. 15 For indeed I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews; and also I have done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon.”

23 Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

Genesis 41:1, 9-14

1 Then it came to pass, at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh had a dream; and behold, he stood by the river.

9 Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying: “I remember my faults (failure to remember Joseph) this day. 10 When Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, both me and the chief baker, 11 we each had a dream in one night, he and I. Each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his own dream. 12 Now there was a young Hebrew man with us there, a servant of the captain of the guard. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams for us; to each man he interpreted according to his own dream. 13 And it came to pass, just as he interpreted for us, so it happened. He restored me to my office, and he hanged him.” 14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh.

DEFINING MOMENTS OF LIFE:

1. There are times what you know—the truth—doesn’t _____ how you _____.

a. Genesis 40:14-15 But remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house. 15 For indeed I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews; and also I have done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon.”

b. Ephesians 4:26-27 And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

DEFINING MOMENTS OF LIFE:

2. God sets up a moment to _____ your _____.

a. Genesis 40:8 And they said to him, “We each have had a dream, and there is no interpreter of it.” So Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell them to me, please.”

b. _____ is part of God’s plan—because of what it _____ in you.

c. Romans 5:1-4 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

DEFINING MOMENTS OF LIFE:

3. God will _____ you to see if you will give the _____ to Him.

a. Genesis 40:23 Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

b. Some may _____ about you when you need them, and they have nothing to do with you until they _____ you.

c. Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son,

d. 2 Samuel 5:2 In the past, when Saul was our king, you were the one (David) who really led the forces of Israel. And the Lord told you, 'You will be the shepherd of my people Israel. You will be Israel's leader.

DEFINING MOMENTS OF LIFE:

4. _____ Joseph _____ through is not as important as _____ he went through it.

a. Acts 7:9-11 (Luke writing reflecting on Joseph) "These patriarchs were jealous of their brother Joseph, and they sold him to be a slave in Egypt. But God was with him 10 and rescued him from all his troubles. And God gave him favor before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. God also gave Joseph unusual wisdom, so that Pharaoh appointed him governor over all of Egypt and put him in charge of the palace. 11 "But a famine came upon Egypt and Canaan. There was great misery, and our ancestors ran out of food.

b. Joseph had uncompromising _____.

DEFINING MOMENTS OF LIFE:

5. We must believe that _____ within us is a _____ person that will _____ above what has happened to us so we will _____ in what is ahead of us.

a. Genesis 41:14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh.

DEFINING MOMENTS OF LIFE:

Point 5 continued:

b. Galatians 5:17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

c. Something will _____ in _____—what will it be?

d. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails.

DEFINING MOMENTS OF LIFE:

Point 5 continued:

e. God is wanting to use you to be a _____ of _____ to those around you.

f. Genesis 12:2 (God gave this promise to Joseph's Great Grandfather, Abraham) I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

Conclusion:

What is winning in you right now?

Your flesh or is the Spirit of God growing a better you through the Fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Reflection:

Allow God to revive the dream, the calling, the purpose in your life!

Look to Him! Yield to Him!