

EXPERIENCING GOD



“Knowing and Doing
the Will of God”

SERIES BEGINS



Why Experiencing God?

Jesus said, “This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent” (Jn 17:3). The essence of eternal life is for you to know God and to know Jesus Christ, whom He has sent. Knowing God does not come through a program, a teaching, or a method. Real Christianity is not merely a religion; it is a relationship with a Person. It is an intimate relationship with God. Through this relationship God reveals His will and invites you to join Him where He is at work. When you body, God accomplishes through you something only He can do. Then you come to know God in a more intimate way by experiencing Him at work through your life.

Through this study we want to help you move into a deeper relationship with God where you experience eternal life to the fullest right here and now. Jesus said in John 10:10 “I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.” You can experience a better life if you are willing to respond to God’s invitation to an intimate love relationship with Him.

Major Themes in this Study

- 1. God is always at work around you.**
- 2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.**
- 3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.**
- 4. God speaks by the HOly Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.**
- 5. God’s invitation for you to work with HIm always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.**
- 6. You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.**
- 7. You come to know God by experience as you obey Him, and He accomplishes His work through you.**

Week 6 - Communication 102

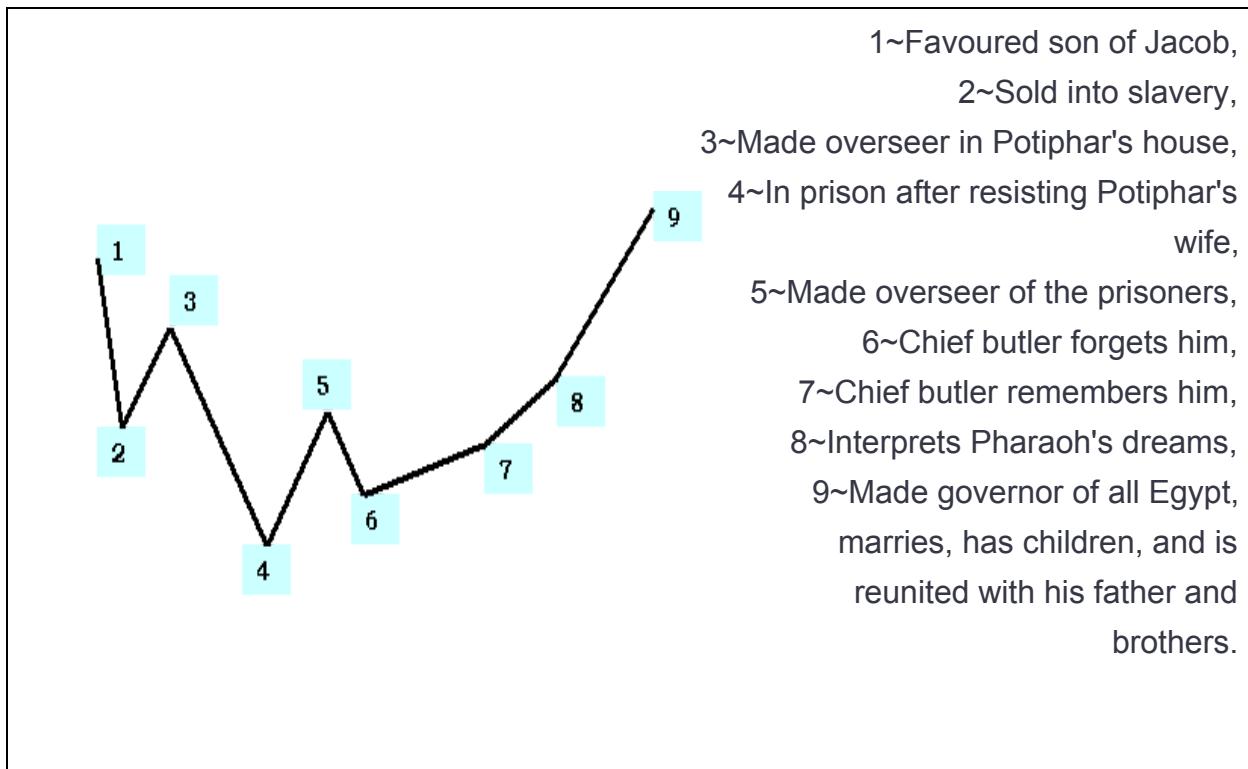
Main Idea: God communicates with us through the Holy Spirit, prayer, and the bible to reveal His will for our lives. God also uses our circumstances to reveal His will and purpose for our life.

Intro:

Through Genesis 37-50 we find the story of Joseph. Spend the next few minutes watching the video in the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQ7wLTBnF84>

After watching the video identify the high and low points of Joseph's life. Use the chart as a guide for you and your group.



1. What have been high and low points in your life?
2. How have those circumstances/events in your life influenced your relationship with God? Did any of the circumstances draw you closer to God? Did any drive you away from God?
3. How has your relationship with God impacted the way you see your circumstances?
4. Did Joseph know how God was using his circumstances to carry out His purposes? How do you think Joseph felt going through his highs and lows? Read Genesis 50: 20. How do you think Joseph felt standing in front of His brothers when God revealed His purpose?
5. What role does trust, obedience, and relationship have in helping us to navigate our circumstances? Is understanding a prerequisite for trusting and obeying?

Next Steps Question:

In both good and bad circumstances, we are able to reflect on how God has worked and moved through each. In our life we have proof that God does listen and that God does take what “the enemy meant for evil, and turn it for good”. Take some time this week to prepare a spiritual inventory of your life and identify your spiritual markers. A spiritual marker identifies a time of transition, decision, or direction when you clearly know God has guided you.