

Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. Has there been a moment when you have faced struggles but have kept a positive attitude? What got you there?
2. What helps you choose to be faithful?
3. How can the group you are meeting with pray for you to trust God in spite of your circumstance

New Way New Day – The Choice

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“Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don’t try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.” James 1:2-4 (MSG)

“When Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped off his robe, the robe of many colors that he had on. Then they took him and threw him into the pit...” Genesis 37:23,24 (HCSB)

“Pride comes before disaster, and arrogance before a fall.” Proverbs 16:18 (CEB)

“The Lord holds up all who fall. He raises up all who are brought down.” Psalms 145:14 (NLV)

“And please remember me and do me a favor when things go well for you. Mention me to Pharaoh, so he might let me out of this place. Pharaoh’s chief cup-bearer, however, forgot all about Joseph, never giving him another thought.” Genesis 40:14,23 (NLT)

- **CHOOSE TO BE FAITHFUL**

“So Potiphar gave Joseph the complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. He hadn’t a worry in the world with Joseph there...” Genesis 39:6 (TLB)

“If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities.” Luke 16:10 (NLT)

- **TRUST GOD, NOT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES**

“God has sent me here to keep you and your families alive, so that you will become a great nation. Yes, it was God who sent me here, not you! And He has

made me a counselor to Pharaoh, and manager of this entire nation, ruler of all the land of Egypt.” Genesis 45:7,8 (TLB)

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.” Genesis 50:20 (NLT)