

Luke 24:17; Genesis 39:1-23

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TODAY'S INITIAL TEXT

Luke 24:17, 17 [Jesus] asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

FIRST THOUGHTS

Luke 24 shows us an account of two guys who discovered in the course of a normal conversation that that God's Word can be trusted, brings hope, and is very powerful. Jesus models for us how He initiated this conversation and interacted with them in a way that was natural, effective and incredibly meaningful.

So, what can we learn from the way Jesus initiates this meaningful conversation?

OUR GOALS FOR THIS STUDY:

1. INITIATE _____ CONVERSATION

2. _____ YOURSELF

3. PLANT _____ IN THE MIND OF OTHERS



4. FIGURE OUT THEIR CURRENT LEVEL OF _____

EXPLORE THE TEXT: Genesis 39:1-23

1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.

2 The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. **3** When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, **4** Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. **5** From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the Lord blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the Lord was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. **6** So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, **7** and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

8 But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. **9** No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?” **10** And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

11 One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. **12** She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

13 When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, **14** she called her household servants. “Look,” she said to them, “this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. **15** When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

16 She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. **17** Then she told him this story: “That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. **18** But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

19 When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, “This is how your slave treated me,” he burned with anger. **20** Joseph’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, **21** the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. **22** So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. **23** The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

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EXPERIENCE****GOD'S
WORD****RELEVANT TRUTH
ABOUT GOD**

SUMMARIZE AND CHALLENGE:

Is having a meaningful, spiritual conversation something that you value? Followers of Jesus generally answer "yes" to this, but we face the challenge of how to naturally initiate those conversations. Our challenge for this week is to practice this type of conversation, and it takes a little bit of preparing on our part.

How will you increase the likelihood of having a meaningful conversation this week?

- ✓ Review Genesis chapters 37, 39-45 and the account of Joseph
- ✓ Pray for opportunities to initiate spiritual conversations
- ✓ Identify again the common life experiences
- ✓ Courageously decide to initiate a spiritual conversation

UPCOMING WEEKS:

- * Spend time praying for God to open opportunities for you to have meaningful conversations.
- * Be amazed at how He answers those prayers.
- * We will continue to explore having natural and effective spiritual conversations.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE:

13th - 2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21; Psalm 30; 1 Thessalonians 2 | 14th - 1 Chronicles 22-24; 1 Thessalonians 3 | 15th - 1 Chronicles 25-27; 1 Thessalonians 4 | 16th - 1 Kings 1; 1 Chronicles 28; Psalm 91; 1 Thessalonians 5 | 17th - 1 Kings 2; 1 Chronicles 29; Psalm 95; 2 Thessalonians 1 | 18th - 1 Kings 3; 2 Chronicles 1; Psalm 78; 2 Thessalonians 2 | 19th - 1 Kings 4-5; 2 Chronicles 2; Psalm 101; 2 Thessalonians 3

BRIDGE-BUILDING**SESSION 2**

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"