

### Small Group Questions:

1. Share how the Momentum series is affecting you so far. In what areas of your life have you seen increased momentum?
2. Share a time when an event you were involved in went "out of control."
3. Why does the story of Joseph so 'hit home' with people? Which of the qualities of Joseph stand out to you and why?
4. Share how you personally overcome self-pity and bitterness.
5. Pray for each other to 'have momentum in spite of your circumstances.

#### **Instructions for sending a text question to Pastor George for the weekly Momentum Pod Cast:**

Send your text to **22333**. The trigger word is "fbc". For example, if you wanted to ask "what is the definition of momentum," you would send your text as follows...

**fbc what is the definition of momentum**

[www.fbc.org/momentum](http://www.fbc.org/momentum)

#### Memory Verse for this week:

***"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 (NKJV)***

Please feel free to come down to the front for prayer after service.

"...pray for one another..." James 5:16



### **Week 3**

## **"Momentum in Spite of Your Circumstances"**

Joseph – Genesis chapters 37 through 50

### **Three sure things about life in general:**

- You will face many circumstances in your life you cannot control
- Things do not always work out as planned
- Character, not circumstances, will determine true success in life

### **I. The challenges Joseph faced in his life that could have stalled his Momentum...**

- He was rejected at home

*"...(his brothers) they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him."* Genesis 37:4

- He was seduced and slandered at work

*"She kept putting pressure on him day after day, but he refused to sleep with her, and he kept out of her way as much as possible."* Genesis 39:10 (NLT)

- He was forgotten by friends

*"...Remember me when it is well with you, and please show your kindness to me, mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house...yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him."* Genesis 40:14,23

## II. Qualities that helped Joseph keep his Momentum...

1. He had a vision

*"Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint..."* Proverbs 29:18 (ASV)

*"...Joseph had a dream..."* Genesis 37:5

2. He did not give in to self-pity

*"...It was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you."* Genesis 45:5 (NIV)

3. He did not give in to bitterness

*"...Do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here..."* Genesis 45:5 (NIV)

**His character was stronger than his circumstance**

*"...Watch out that no bitterness takes root among you, for as it springs up it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives."* Hebrews 12:14 (TLB)

4. He stayed faithful in his responsibilities in all circumstances

*"...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)

*"...the jailer soon handed over the entire prison administration to Joseph...had no worries..."* Genesis 39:22-23 (TLB)

**Joseph might not have known why these things were happening to him, but he did know how to act – That's Momentum!**

5. He maintained his integrity

*"...Joseph refused... 'How could I ever do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God.'"* Genesis 39:8-9 (NLT)

*"Wicked people bring about their own downfall by their evil deeds, but good people are protected by their integrity."* Proverbs 14:32 (GN)

6. He trusted in God's Sovereignty

*"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!..."* Genesis 45:7-8 (NLT)

**God has a plan that is greater than your problems!**