



CONNECTION QUESTION

Howard Schultz is the executive behind the success of Starbucks. What other famous rags to riches success stories do you know? Do you have a story like that in your family?

SERMON REVIEW

This week, we learned the secret of having God exalt us—like he did for Joseph, is to become men and women of great humility. As you think about Joseph's life, what grew Joseph in his humility? What traps did he avoid? Why do you think Pharaoh was willing to put him into the position of second in command of all of Egypt?

Humility was also essential for Jesus' success. Read Philippians 2:1-11. How did Jesus display humility? How did God exalt him when he displayed it?

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

This weekend we saw Joseph yanked out of prison with no real time to prepare for a meeting with Pharaoh, yet he was ready. Like Joseph, some of our greatest opportunities to serve God come when we least expect them. Read through the following Scriptures and write down any actions you see that could help you be ready to be used by God at any time.

- *1 John 1:9*
- *Romans 6:13*
- *Hebrews 12:1-3*
- *1 Peter 4:1-2*
- *Matthew 5:16*

How could Philippians 3:13-14 help someone who wants to be used by God, but may feel unworthy due to their past?



In his first meeting with Joseph, Pharaoh commented on seeing the “spirit of God” in him. This was evidence that Joseph had come a long way from some of the poor choices of his youth where he sought to glorify himself. In the book of Acts, Peter and John give a similar example of pointing their successes to God. How could the following verses guide someone who wanted to make a strong distinction between glorifying themselves and glorifying God?

- *Acts 3:1-16*
- *Acts 4:1-14*

How does 1 Peter 4:11 incorporate the concept of giving God the credit as a way of witnessing to others?

What details emerge in the following Scriptures that point to God being at work in our lives even when we don't feel his presence?

- *Philippians 1:3-6*
- *Romans 8:28*
- *Psalms 46*

Which of these verses is most encouraging to you and why?

TAKE IT HOME

What is the most important thing to remember? What is the most important action to take?