

Conversation Starters

- What were your goals for 2020?
- Did you have any setbacks?

Discuss

Coming off of a year of multiple setbacks, many of us are ready for a fresh start. Joseph’s life can give us some lessons about rising up from setbacks, starting with vision. Joseph’s vision gave him meaning. You may not receive a divinely inspired dream like Joseph, but God has a vision for your life that He wants you to chase after and fulfill.

- Do you have a vision for your life?
- Where is God at in your vision?

Joseph had a lot of setbacks in his life. The lesson for us from Joseph is of a life that set out with a clear vision, but never allowing setbacks to be the final word or be allowed to diminish the vision. While he could have gone into victim mode, he instead chose to let the vision keep him going and focused.

The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master...So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't worry about a thing—except what kind of food to eat! ([Genesis 39:1.6 NLT](#))

Joseph’s suggestions were well received by Pharaoh and his officials. So Pharaoh asked his officials, “Can we find anyone else like this man so obviously filled with the spirit of God?”... Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I hereby put you in charge of the entire land of Egypt.” ([Genesis 41:37.41 NLT](#))

- What have you allowed the prison of 2020 to teach you?
- What has it meant for your vision for your life?
- How are you keeping your vision fresh?

Having a vision and keeping your vision is not enough. Once you have vision, it should then dictate your steps. The clearer the vision, the more it can be hung on the wall and guide the choices we make to fulfill the vision.

- How are you allowing your vision to dictate your choices?
- Is there anything you need to start doing to achieve your vision?
- Is there anything you need to stop doing to achieve your vision?

Next Steps

Pray for the renewal of vision for your life. If you've never had a vision for your life, start asking God to give you one. Pray for God to press His vision for you onto your life.

Continued Reading

Read Genesis [37:3-11](#); 39:[1-6](#), [21-23](#); [41:37-44](#); [42:1-6](#). For Joseph's full story, read Genesis chapters 37 and 38-50.

Jan. 9: [Hope Vibes Serve Day](#)

Jan. 16: [Habitat for Humanity](#)

Jan. 19: [Money God's Way](#)

Jan. 20: [The Grounds Online Book Club: "A Mind for God"](#)

Prayer

God, you are faithful and present in our lives. Thank you for how you have and want to work in and through us. Please impress upon our life your vision for it, and give us wisdom to act accordingly.