



## GET IN THE GAME – NO. 3

### Letting God Use Your Experiences

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**Theme: God wants to use our key life experiences for our good and the benefit of others!**

You are a unique combination of numerous factors. We're summarizing these factors in an acronym based on the word DESIGN:

Desires + Experiences + Skills + Individuality + spiritual Gifts = Niche (what it is that God shaped and formed us to do).

Today we want to look at the second of these five factors: How God has custom-designed the experiences that help define who you are. He wants to use your key experiences for your good and for the benefit of others.

### Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

Talk about a time when you "got the giggles." What was the result (examples: embarrassment, made others laugh, etc.)?

### Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-11:

1. Skim through the story of Joseph together and fill in the blanks!

Genesis 37-50:

- 37 Joseph had a d\_\_\_\_\_!  
L\_\_\_\_\_ by his father (vs.3).  
S\_\_\_\_\_ by his brothers.  
S\_\_\_\_\_ to Potiphar in Egypt.
- 39 The L\_\_\_\_\_ was with Joseph.  
N\_\_\_\_\_ by Potiphar's wife (vs.7).  
Sent to p\_\_\_\_\_ by Potiphar.  
S\_\_\_\_\_ given by God in w\_\_\_\_\_ Joseph did (vs.23)
- 40 I\_\_\_\_\_ dreams for others
- 41 Joseph put in charge of E\_\_\_\_\_.
- 42 His b\_\_\_\_\_ go to Egypt.
- 45 Joseph makes himself k\_\_\_\_\_.

- 46 His f\_\_\_\_\_ comes to Egypt.
- 47 Joseph saves Egypt during severe f\_\_\_\_\_.
- 48 Jacob blesses Joseph's c\_\_\_\_\_ (vs.11).
- 50 Brothers intended to h\_\_\_\_\_ Joseph.  
God intended Joseph's life experiences for g\_\_\_\_\_ (vs.18-21).  
G\_\_\_\_\_ made Joseph's d\_\_\_\_\_ come true!

2. What recurring theme appears through the story? Read Genesis 39:2-3, 21, and 23. Who is this story really about?
3. How did God use Joseph's trials to benefit other people? Read Genesis 50:15-21.
4. Compare Joseph's experience to Paul's teaching in 2 Corinthians 1:3-11. How do these correlate?
5. Would you respond in the same way that Joseph responded in similar circumstances? Explain. When someone reads or hears your stories, who do you want them to see as the main character?

## Getting Real with One Another (Accessibility)

(Reference your Discovering My Experiences Personal Exercise tool)

1. Review the first 4 types of experiences. Tell about a positive experience in one of these areas. How did this bring you joy, and how has God used that in shaping who you are?
2. Tell about one of your painful experiences. Did the experience make you better or bitter? Why? How do you see God's hand in this experience?
3. How have your painful experiences become a catalyst for:
  - Getting to know God better
  - Preparing you to minister to others
  - Helping you rely on God's power
  - Increasing your faith in God's promises
  - Encouraging others in prayer and praise

## Group Prayer Time (Supplication)

Continue to pray that each person would come to understand his/her DESIGN and be willing to serve.