



## DREAMS TO DESTINY: PERSEVERANCE

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Romans 5:3 we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Nothing like trials & challenges produces perseverance—> character  
The height of our destiny is directly proportional to the depth of character.

What is Perseverance? How can we lean into it?

FOCUS: Perseverance = GRIT + GUTZ.

GRIT. vs1-5 Some time later, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their master, the king of Egypt. 2 Pharaoh was angry with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, 3 and put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the same prison where Joseph was confined. 4 The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he attended them. After they had been in custody for some time, 5 each of the two men—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were being held in prison—had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own.

These two men are placed under Joseph's care... Why? ... Remember 39:22 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.

- When Joseph was with his Father... he was faithful and obeyed him.
- When Joseph was in Potiphar's home... he was faithful...
- Now that Joseph is unjustly imprisoned??? He's faithful...

This is GRIT! Angela Duckworth, GRIT, "Grit is about doing the hard work, day in and day out, without immediate reward."

Jesus calls this faithfulness... Matt 25:21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Perseverance is about having the GRIT to stay the course... to continue doing the right thing even though it's unnoticed... or getting harder....

Look how it's shaping Joseph's Character...



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6 When Joseph came to them the next morning, he saw that they were dejected. 7 So he asked Pharaoh's officials who were in custody with him in his master's house, "Why do you look so sad today? 8 "We both had dreams," they answered, "but there is no one to interpret them."

1. Competency... admin/ leadership/ Interpretation of dreams- David/ Sling.
2. Compassion... vs 6 saw that they were dejected... So he asked...

This is a big part of perseverance... Leaning into opportunities to do good.

Gal 6:9 (NLT) "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

(R) Where can you lean into faithfulness today with the small things?

GUTZ. 8 Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams." 9 So the chief cupbearer told Joseph his dream.

What's so amazing here is that Joseph has the GUTZ to minister to the cupbearer's dreams when his own dreams are in shambles.

By GUTZ I mean spiritual courage and boldness.

- He is bold about his faith that God alone makes sense of our dreams.
- He is confident that God will use him to minister to their need.

Perseverance teaches slowly, one-step at a time, to re-center hope in God. Not in our past, ourselves, our circumstances or even in other people...

But the cupbearer forgets him... it will be another 2 years of waiting! 730dys!  
In the waiting — everything else we have put our hope in gets stripped away

Romans 5:5 (NLT) And this hope will not lead to disappointment.



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