

# LIVING with INTEGRITY

Authenticity  
Message 3

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## ► Outline

*Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine.*

**2 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT)**

### A. Introduction (Psalm 105:16-19)

### B. Evidence of authenticity: (Genesis 39:21-40:23)

1. Recognize God's \_\_\_\_\_ in hardship.  
(Genesis 39:21-40:4. C/R: Isaiah 43:2; Romans 5:3-4; 8:28; James 1:2-4)

2. Remain \_\_\_\_\_ of others.  
(Genesis 40:5-7. C/R: Romans 12:15-16; 1 Corinthians 10:24; 2 Corinthians 1:4-6; Ephesians 4:31-32)

3. Respond to people's \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Genesis 40:8-15. C/R: Galatians 6:2-3,9-10; Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 2:4; 1 John 3:18)

4. Resolve to speak \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Genesis 40:16-23. C/R: Proverbs 16:3; John 8:32; Ephesians 4:15,25)

**Answers:** 1. help 2. aware 3. needs 4. truth

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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit [brookwoodchurch.org/adults](http://brookwoodchurch.org/adults).

### Conversation Starter

What does it mean to be authentic?

### Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

### Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Genesis 39:21-23](#).

1. Joseph was wrongly accused of attempted rape and thrown into prison. How does this challenge your view of God's faithfulness?
2. In what ways have you experienced God's help during times of hardship?

Read [Genesis 40:1-19](#).

3. Who joined Joseph in prison? What positions did they have in Pharaoh's court, and why is this important to the story?
4. Even though Joseph was in prison, he noticed and cared for the people around him. How can you remain aware of the needs of others when you're going through a difficult situation? What does it take for a person to care deeply about others?
5. Joseph gave a positive interpretation of the cupbearer's dream. How do you think Joseph felt giving a negative interpretation to the baker? Think of a time you needed to have a hard conversation with someone. Did you step in with truth, or shrink away? Explain.

Read [Genesis 40:20-23](#).

6. God's interpretation of the dreams as relayed by Joseph proved true, demonstrating God's continued work in and through his life. How is God working in your life?
7. What was Joseph's view of God during his time in prison? How did this impact his actions?
8. What practical ways can you show God's love so others see their need for Him?
9. Even though the Pharaoh's chief cupbearer *forgot all about Joseph, never giving him another thought* ([vs. 23](#)), God had not forgotten him. How does this encourage your faith? What are ways you can remember God's faithfulness during times of trial?

### Spiritual Practice

*A spiritual practice is training for the soul. By building these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.*

Make a list of ways to express genuine faith. Live faithfully before God in at least two of those ways this week.

### Memory Verse

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.* [Ephesians 2:10 \(NLT\)](#)

### Daily Reading

- Day 1: [Romans 8:26-30](#)      Day 4: [Ephesians 4:15](#)  
Day 2: [1 Corinthians 10:24](#)      Day 5: [Proverbs 16:3](#)  
Day 3: [Romans 12:15-16](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, February 13, we'll continue exploring the life of Joseph in our series *Living with Integrity*. To prepare, read [Genesis 41](#).



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