



**JANUARY THEME**

# Live Life God's Way

With God  
we can live with:

- ASSURANCE
- TRUST
- HOPE
- FAITH

## **January Theme:**

**Live Life God's Way**

## **Monthly Memory Verse:**

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." - **Romans 8:37** (ESV)

## **Monthly Challenge Verse:**

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men..."  
- **Colossians 3:23** (ESV)

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## **January 8<sup>th</sup> | Life Application:**

**Live your life with assurance!**

**Parents:** Parents, after listening to the sermon, take some time during the week to have great conversations with your kids. Read **pages 100-104 in The Action Bible**, and use **Genesis 39** in your Bible for reference.

1. Review: **What happened to cause Joseph to go to Egypt?** (**Genesis 37:** Joseph's brothers were angry with him, and jealous of him- and they sold him into slavery.) **Why were they angry?** (Because he told them of dreams he had where the brothers would bow down to him. Also, Joseph tattled on them!) **Why were they jealous?** (Because their father loved Joseph more, and gave him a beautiful coat of many colors.)
2. In **Genesis 39:1-6**, Joseph has become a servant of Potipher. **How did Joseph, who had been a spoiled child, live his life under Potipher?** (Joseph impressed Potipher because he prayed every day and he lived a godly life. He was a good worker and leader and Potipher put him in charge of all he had, trusting him.)
3. **How was Joseph able to do this?** (**Verse 2-** He lived his life this way because he knew God was with him.)
4. On **page 101 in The Action Bible**, Potipher's wife tries to tempt Joseph. But, Joseph resists her because he loves God and wants to please Him with his life. However, Potipher's wife lies and accuses him of attacking her. **What did Potipher do?** (He was angry and had Joseph put into prison.)
5. Even in prison, Joseph **had the assurance** that God was with him. Read **Genesis 39:21-23**. **What happened because Joseph continued to live life God's way?** (**Verse 21-** God gave him his love and favor.) **What did the keeper of the prison do when he saw that Joseph was keeping peace in the prison?** (He put Joseph in charge of all of the prisoners.) **Why did the keeper feel this way about Joseph?** (**Verse 23-** He could see that the Lord was with him, and that whatever he did, the Lord caused him to succeed.)

### **Family Challenge:**

This week, **Big Kids had a Lego party** at the church. They learned that their creations had to have a firm foundation and that they had to think carefully about the pieces they would need and how to place them.

**Take out Legos and challenge your family to build the best structure possible in 30 minutes.** While building, talk together about laying a firm foundation for their lives, making good

choices that will help them live life God's way, and choosing friends who will build them up and help them be strong in their faith.

Finally, gather together around your structure and **thank God for the assurance** that He is always with us, wherever we go and whatever we do- and that He will love us and help us to succeed. Read **2 Timothy 2:22** and encourage your kids every day to live their lives God's way!

*So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. **2 Timothy 2:22***

### **Prayer:**

*God, Thank You for loving us and for the assurance that You will always be there, no matter what. Help us to make wise choices with our lives. Help us to lay a firm foundation that will not fall when there is a storm in our lives. We love you! In Jesus' name, Amen.*