

## Detour of Provision

Genesis 50:15-26

### Introduction

When God takes us on a detour, He is simultaneously working on the impact He wants us to make in the lives of another. Your destiny will always include a benefit to someone beyond yourself. Joseph acknowledged that God had allowed all that had happened in his life so that Joseph could be a blessing to others. God had a plan for Joseph and that plan included a benefit to others – the general population and for his family.

You must look at your detours and ask if you are benefiting others beside yourself. But beware! If you are only looking to God for a benefit to you, your detour might end up being longer.

Esther's destiny included a benefit to her people. She had to approach the king to intercede on their behalf. Her destiny included being a blessing to others. Moses' destiny included a benefit to his people. His life and experiences were a setup for a destiny that would make him a leader of a nation and a man that thousands could follow to freedom.

In the same way, your past life experiences, your gifts, and your current situation are not just about you finding your destiny; it's about how your life can bless the lives of others.

Joseph's life blessed prisoners when he was in jail, Potiphar when he was a servant, and both a nation and his family when he was in power. No matter how hard things are for you right now... no matter how blessed you feel right now, there should always be benefits that go beyond you and your destiny to bless others.

### Getting Started

1. What message resonated with you most from today's sermon?
2. How have you been blessed by another person as they walk in their destiny or even as they walk through a detour?

### Let's Get Personal

1. Joseph would have preferred not to be in that pit to begin with. However, if God had granted his wishes, Joseph would not have been in a position to bless others years down the line. We all have our own vision of what we would like for God to do on our behalf. While God did get him out of the pit, He did it in His own way and time. When you think about your own destiny, what do you want? What do you desire God to accomplish in your life?
2. Now... based on your previous answer, how would your desire provide a blessing for others?
3. Joseph was a blessing as he walked through his detours and as he walked in his destiny. Whether you are currently on a detour or in your destiny, how are you or can you be a blessing to others?

### Take the Next Step

1. Take time to think about your circle of influence. Who do you see that could be blessed by your obedience in walking with the Lord?
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2. Take another moment to write down your heart's desires. Make the items on this list a matter of consistent prayer as you trust God to honor you and others as you commit your ways to Him.

Renew Your Mind

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good..." Genesis 50:20

