



Top Fears

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***FEAR OF NOT FULFILLING
YOUR POTENTIAL***



What is driving this fear?

- Spirit of comparison
- Personal expectations
- Sense of ambition
- Fear of failure
- External Pressures

SURRENDER

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VISION OF POTENTIAL AND
EMBRACE GOD'S VISION FOR
YOUR POTENTIAL

1. God uses
unexpected detours
in fulfilling our
potential



Joseph's **Detours**

1. Thrown into a pit (Genesis 37:24)
2. Sold as a slave for 20 shekels of silver (Genesis 37:28)
3. Falsely accused by Potiphar's wife (Genesis 39)
4. Joseph in prison (Genesis 40)

David's **Detours**

Living like a fugitive, running from place to place from Saul.

1 Samuel 21-1 Samuel 30.

IF YOUR LIFE
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE
WHAT YOU HAD
EXPECTED, **MAYBE**
YOU ARE IN THE
RIGHT PLACE

2. God uses
untimely delays
in fulfilling our
potential



Joseph's Delays

GENESIS 40 - GENESIS 41
2 YEAR DELAY

DREAM GIVEN TO JOSEPH
AGE 17.

FULFILLMENT OF THE DREAM
AGE 30.

David's Delays

1 SAMUEL 16
AGE 12-14

2 SAMUEL 1-5
AGE 30

**GOD'S UNTIMELY
DELAYS ARE
ACTUALLY HIS
DIVINE TIMING**

**3. God uses
tailor-made difficulties
in developing your
character**



Joseph's **character development**

- **Genesis 37:** Betrayed by his brothers, thrown into the pit. **God tests Joseph's forgiveness.**
- **Genesis 39:** Sexual temptation by Potiphar's wife. **God tests Joseph's sexual and moral purity.**
- **Genesis 40:** Baker and cup bearer asks their dreams to be interpreted. **God tests whether Joseph still believes in dreams.**

David's **character development**

- **1 Samuel 22:3-6.** David runs to the stronghold of Moab. **God tells him to go back into the wilderness, testing his true dependence.**
- **1 Samuel 23:15.** David hears about the Philistines plundering Keilah. **David learns to seek God.**
- **1 Samuel 24 & 26.** Saul is delivered into David's hands. **God tests if David will take matters into his own hands.**
- **1 Samuel 30.** Amalekites have taken David's and his men's women children and burned down Ziklag. David's men think of stoning him. **David learns to strengthen himself in the LORD.**

**GOD'S TAILOR-
MADE DIFFICULTIES
ARE HIS WORK
WITHIN US. DON'T
RUN FROM THEM.**

4. The purpose of God fulfilling His potential in us is **ultimately not about me**



Genesis 41:46-49

Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt. During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly, and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it. **And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.**

2 Samuel 6:13-15

And when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. And David danced before the Lord with all his might. **And David was wearing a linen ephod.** So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the horn.

**MY POTENTIAL IS
NOT ABOUT ME.
IT'S ABOUT GOD.**

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2. GOD USES **UNTIMELY DELAYS** IN FULFILLING OUR POTENTIAL

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