

My Possible Impossible Life

Work/Career

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“What is impossible for people is possible with God.” Luke 18:27 NLT

The BIG truth: God cares deeply about your career/work life.

2 Thessalonians 3:7 – 13 NLT

Your career/work is a significant part of your life:

- Significant because God uses it to provide for you and your family.
- Significant because God uses it to create opportunities to help others.
- Significant because God uses it to provide for His kingdom work.
- Significant because accomplishment comes through hard work.

1 Thessalonians 4:11–12 NLT

There is dignity in hard work (worthy of respect):

- Dignity because you work to provide for you and your family's needs.
- Dignity because you work to provide for the mission of God for your generation.
- Dignity because you work so you can be generous on behalf of Christ.

I work for a narcissistic psychopath. (You should look for another job, until then...)

Colossians 3:22 – 4:1 NLT

WHO do we actually work for?

- Jesus will reward you based on how you obeyed authority.

Joseph

“When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.

The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. Potiphar noticed this and realized that the Lord was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did. This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He put him in charge of his entire

household and everything he owned. From the day Joseph was put in charge of his master's household and property, the Lord began to bless Potiphar's household for Joseph's sake. All his household affairs ran smoothly, and his crops and livestock flourished. So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't worry about a thing." **Genesis 39:1 – 6 NLT**
It's safe to say Joseph did not love his job.

"So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained. But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden. Before long, the warden put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners and over everything that happened in the prison. The warden had no more worries, because Joseph took care of everything. The Lord was with him and caused everything he did to succeed."

Genesis 39:20 – 23 NLT

God blessed Joseph's work.

“But Joseph replied, ‘Don’t be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. No, don’t be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children.’”

Genesis 50:19 – 21 NLT

God is truly in control even though I don’t know how.

Challenge:

- Is this your moment to entrust God with your career/work?
- What potential do you see?
- What do you want?
- What will you give up for it?
- What will you STOP, START, or exercise your FAITH for?
- What’s broken that God can fix?
- What needs to be resolved to get you to a RESET?

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