

# **Bible Study Guide**

## **Title: When the Journey Gets Rough**

Being a believer and man or woman of faith doesn't exempt you from life's challenges. Everyone with a dream and a destiny will go through things that will try to stop the realizing of the dreams and the reaching of their destiny.

The entire Bible is full of people who encountered oppositions because of the plan of God for their lives. Abraham was promised countless children, and yet he had no child; Joseph was given a dream, and still ended up in a pit, he was sold away from home as a slave. As if that was not enough, he became a prisoner in a foreign land after being falsely accused of trying to rape the wife of a government official in Egypt.

David was anointed as king and instead of heading for the throne, he had to be on the run from a king who could not wake up to the reality of having been rejected by God.

The fact that God promised Abram children as the stars in the sky, the fact that He gave Joseph a dream of greatness and the anointing of David as king to succeed Saul, all these did not come to pass without opposition.

Every God given dream, vision, promise or prophesy will be resisted. Do not feel strange when you start facing opposition. Every journey in life has challenges. Every person that has the dream of flying in airplanes must be prepared to face the turbulence. Anyone that loves sailing must not be afraid to face the waves of the sea.

When God gives us a promise, He only shows us where we are going, but does not tell us all we will meet along our way to the Promised Land. One thing we are however assured of is that He will never leave us nor forsake us. He promised to be with us throughout of the journey to our destination.

The plan of the enemy is to get us to give up and retreat instead of proceeding. If we refuse to give in to his pressure, nothing in the entire world is capable of stopping the plan of God from coming to pass in our lives.

## Discussion Guide:

1. Why do people with dreams go through oppositions? 2 Tim. 3: 12; Mark 4: 35-41; Gen. 37: 3 –11.

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2. In the light of the following passages what should we do to overcome the things that try to hinder our destiny? Matt. 14: 23-31; Jas. 4: 7; 1 Jn. 5: 4; Prov. 24: 10; 2 Chron. 20: 15-17,20.

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3. What should be our attitude towards the people that are in opposition to our destiny? Matt. 5: 39-44; Rom. 12: 17-21; Gen. 45: 4-11; 50: 15-21; 1 Sam 24: 4:22

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4. Discuss some of the practical things we do that delay or hinder the fulfillment of the promise of God in our lives.

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