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UNFAIR  
ADVANTAGE**

**7 KEYS FROM THE LIFE OF JOSEPH  
FOR TRANSFORMING ANY OBSTACLE  
INTO AN OPPORTUNITY**

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*UNFAIR ADVANTAGE #1*

**THE  
DISCOURAGED  
DREAMER**

***DISCUSSION QUESTIONS***

We all have obstacles to our dreams or reasons why we should not dream again. Take some time and answer the following questions to apply the lessons learned in this section. With the right application, dreaming again can be used for your advantage.

1. What are the dreams that you can't shake?
2. What do you feel are the obstacles to fulfilling your dream?
3. What criticism has kept you from believing the dream is possible?
4. What is the motive behind your dream?
5. What are some steps you can take today to start the process of making your dream a reality?
6. What would be your legacy if your dream was fulfilled?

## *UNFAIR ADVANTAGE #2*

# **THE REDIRECTED REJECT**

### ***DISCUSSION QUESTIONS***

Hard work is an intentional commitment even when we feel undervalued. Many times we let the circumstances dictate our work instead of our work being worship unto God. Take a few minutes to answer these questions about your work ethic.

1. What healthy and unhealthy model(s) of work ethic have you experienced?
2. How would you describe your current work ethic?
3. What keeps you from giving your absolute best work to your current situation?
4. How can you remind yourself that your work is worship?
5. What can you change today to make worship cost you something?

*UNFAIR ADVANTAGE #4*

**THE SEDUCED  
SAINT**

***DISCUSSION QUESTIONS***

Integrity is your most important asset. In the same way we go to the doctor for regular checkups, we should also go to the Lord and a trusted friend for a regular character checkup. Spend a few minutes answering these questions.

1. How has a lapse in character by a friend, family member, or leader affected your life?
2. What blind spots have been revealed to you in the past?
3. Whom do you have in your life right now that can identify the “booger in your nose”?
4. When is the last time you got alone with God and asked him to reveal your flaws?
5. How can you make confession a regular spiritual discipline that you practice?

*UNFAIR ADVANTAGE #5*

# **THE OPPRESSED OPPORTUNIST**

## ***DISCUSSION QUESTIONS***

During this chapter we discovered that opportunities are available during seasons of oppression. It is important to learn to identify the work that needs to be done during your dark seasons. These three discussion questions should help facilitate that discussion.

1. Looking back, when have you seized an opportunity or made the most of a relationship during a difficult season?
2. What opportunity is available for you to take advantage of during this season?
3. What relationship do you need to lean into? How can you develop that relationship?

*UNFAIR ADVANTAGE #6*

**THE FORGOTTEN  
FAITHFUL**

***DISCUSSION QUESTIONS***

We all have moments when we feel forgotten, when life is being endured instead of enjoyed. We learned in this chapter to embrace these moments as defining instead of depressing. With God's help, we can learn something in the prison we might need in the palace. Let's talk a bit about how to keep going during difficult seasons.

1. What are you waiting for in this season of your life?
2. How are you leaning into your relationship with God during this waiting season?
3. What relationships can you invest in during this season?
4. What type of story do you want to eventually tell about your life?
5. What is the ultimate "why" that will motivate you when you are tempted to quit?

## *UNFAIR ADVANTAGE #7*

# **THE LIMITED LEADER**

### ***DISCUSSION QUESTIONS***

In this chapter we learned that we are limited. Our future is determined by our focus. I have found it necessary to have strategic moments of reflection throughout the year to make sure I am focusing on what I need to focus on. Here are four questions I ask that I invite you to think about as well:

1. What are the top priorities of your life during this season?
2. What measurable outcomes can you write down to evaluate your effectiveness over the next three months?
3. What “good” can you eliminate from your schedule that is keeping you from achieving something great?
4. In what ways does your calendar reflect your priorities? (How can you give your best goals your best time?)