

# GENIUS



## Genius of... April 24, 2022

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**Scripture:**

**Sermon Overview:** When you trace the genealogy of genius, the genesis usually involves some PAIN and SUFFERING. Genius is not born of comfort. It's born from, born for adversity. SUFFERING is the SEEDBED of genius. God redeems it and recycles it for His plans, His purposes.

### Sermon Series Questions:

1. **Discover your unique genius:** Everyone has strengths and weaknesses. What are your perceived disadvantages or weaknesses? What are your strengths and gifts?
2. **Develop your unique genius:** We can learn to leverage our weaknesses by partnering with God to cultivate compensatory skills. What compensatory skills do you feel God might be cultivating in you?
3. **Deploy your unique genius:** In what ways could your disadvantages be viewed as opportunities for your good and the good of others?

### Sermon Specific Questions:

1. Your passions can be identified when you look at your emotions. What makes you mad, sad, or glad? What puts a smile on your face?
2. What favor have you seen God give you in your life?
3. Growing in emotional intelligence helps us steward our gifts well. While dreaming was part of Joseph's genius, his weakness was sharing those dreams. He later grew in emotional intelligence, which God used to save His people. What areas of your emotional intelligence would you like to grow?

### **Digging Deeper:**

- Read Joseph's story in Genesis chapters 37, 39, 40, 50:15-21.
- As you read the above passages, list Joseph's sufferings and redemptions. List the sufferings that you have grown through and the ones in which you are actively believing for redemption.
- Pray favor over your family: May you grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men. I pray the favor of Him who dwells in the burning bush is with you.

### **Practical Application:**

- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- Join our Main Upper Zoom online prayer group on Wednesdays and our new Upper Zoom Prayer Pods on other days. Main Upper Zoom: Wednesday mornings, 7:14am ET [ncc.re/upperzoom](http://ncc.re/upperzoom). Upper Zoom Prayer Pods meet at different times and days during the week. Go to [ncc.re/prayerpods](http://ncc.re/prayerpods) to sign up.