

# Never, Never, Never Give Up

## Doing Good

*How good is good enough? Does it count if I fudge a little here? Shade the truth a bit there? Upsell myself so I look better than I have? Does the end justify the means? If we're too good, people resent us. No one likes the one who breaks the curve or sets the new production standard. It makes us all look inadequate. Just do enough to keep it real, isn't that the ticket? This week's Conversation takes a cold hard look at the Goody Two Shoes in our lives and asks, "Do we really want to be that person?"*

John 3:16–21

1. People in the light make people in the dark \_\_\_\_\_.
2. People who live by \_\_\_\_\_ draw people in the dark, who become \_\_\_\_\_.
3. People in the dark \_\_\_\_\_ to come to the light, but are \_\_\_\_\_ of the light.
4. When people of the truth visit \_\_\_\_\_ they arouse \_\_\_\_\_.

## My Count Me In! Commitments

- I'll be here next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- I'll be a light in the dark places
- I'll intentionally find a dark place where I can be a light
- I want to step into the light through belief and baptism

## Additional Notes

# Digging Deeper, Going Further

## Monday

**Read:** Genesis 39

1. What did Joseph do to earn Potiphar's favor?
2. How did Joseph respond to Potiphar's wife?

**Reflect:** Although Joseph did what was right, his "reward" was imprisonment. What character traits did Joseph demonstrate in his difficult circumstances?

## Tuesday

**Read:** Genesis 40

1. How did Joseph get the skills to interpret the dreams?
2. How was Joseph "rewarded" for his dream interpretations?

**Reflect:** When difficult times come ... and come ... and come ... how are you able to maintain your positive attitude?

## Wednesday

**Read:** Genesis 41

1. Why do you think God warned Pharaoh about the upcoming famine?
2. What reasons did Pharaoh give for selecting Joseph as his "second in command"?

**Reflect:** How do you think the years of suffering prepared Joseph to be the Pharaoh's right-hand man?

## Thursday

**Read:** Genesis 42

1. Why did Reuben think the sons of Jacob were being arrested and detained?
2. Why did Jacob refuse to send Benjamin to Egypt?

**Reflect:** Why do you think Joseph treated his brothers as he did?

## Friday

**Read:** Genesis 43

1. Why did Israel (Jacob) allow Benjamin to go to Egypt?
2. What did Israel do to help ensure his sons would be well received in Egypt?

**Reflect:** Although Joseph felt the need to teach his brothers a lesson, he also showed a high regard for his birth family. How do you demonstrate your commitment to family?

**Saturday:** *Who will you invite to worship with you tomorrow?*