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PATIENT FAITH
Lessons Learned from Joseph's Life
Genesis 37-50

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1. What looks **BAD** now God may use for **GOOD**.

"Life is 10% what happens to you, and 90% how you respond to it."

2. In **BAD** times keep doing the **RIGHT** thing.

Gen. 39:9 "How could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

3. Give **GOD** the credit.

Gen 41:51 & 52 Joseph named his children with Hebrew names, Manasseh (to forget) and Ephraim (fruitful).

God helped him forget his suffering and gave him a fruitful life and future.

4. Learn to **FORGIVE, FORGIVE & FORGIVE**

Gen. 50:20 "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

TIME WITH GOD

Memory Verse: “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” **Genesis 50:20 (NIV)**

Monday

Read Genesis 37. What impresses you most about this part of Joseph’s life? What one lesson from his life can you apply to your life this week? How can you live like an overcomer today?
Thank God today that He works in all situations. Thank Him for His hand in your life. Ask Him to help you apply what you learn as you study His word.

Tuesday

Read Genesis 37:2–4, Jeremiah 31:3 & John 15:12. Write down three people in your life who supported you with their love. List how knowing they loved you impacted your life:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What do you learn about the power of love from the story of Joseph? What two things about how God loves you mean the most to you? How can you reflect that love into the lives around you?

Spend some time in prayer asking God to show someone in your “world” who needs to know they are loved. How will you let them know that?

Thank God today for His amazing love for you. Ask Him to help you love the people around you in a way that reflects His perfect love.

Wednesday

Read Genesis 37:5–11, Psalm 139:1–18 & Ephesians 2:10. What three truths from Psalm 139:1–18 stand out to you the most? Why?

Which number below most accurately describes how you feel about yourself?

I’m not special at all I have my good points I believe God has a great plan for me

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

How does this belief impact how you’re living right now? How would you like to see that change?

Spend some time in prayer asking God to show someone in your “world” who needs to know they are special. How will you let them know that?

Thank God today that He made you special.

Ask Him to continue to show you the plans

He has for you. Pray that you’ll have opportunities today to encourage those around you with the truth that God made them special.

Thursday

Read Genesis 45:5–7, 50:20 & Romans 8:28. Recall a time when you let circumstances control your life and attitude. What were the results of that? Now recall a time when you chose to believe that God was in control in spite of life’s circumstances? What were the results of that?

What situation are you currently facing where you’re tempted to let circumstances define your life?

How can you apply what you learned last weekend to help you?

Thank God today that He is ultimately in control of your life. Thank Him for His plan for you. Ask Him for the faith to trust Him over circumstances in everything you face today.

Friday

Reread Genesis 45:5–7 & Jeremiah 29:11. Spend an extended time in prayer today and think about the things in your life that you find it difficult to believe that God can use for good. What prevents you from letting God and not circumstances define your life? Are there things that you need to surrender to God?

Take time today to talk to God about your daily faith in Him. Hopefully you’ve already placed your faith in Him for salvation. Today commit to live by faith daily and trust God to define your life. Ask God to help you live the life of a confident Christian.

Saturday

Catch up on any devotions you missed and be sure you know this week’s verse.

Please read Psalm 22. What connections do you see between this Psalm and Joseph and Jesus’ life? Ask God to give you the courage to invite your friends who need to hear the Good News of God’s transforming grace.