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HOME GROUP GUIDE

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

LISTEN	REFLECT	DISCUSS	RESPOND
Listen to the sermon and read through the main passages(s)	Prayerfully answer the questions below	Meet with your group to discuss	Apply the truth of God's word to your life

BACKGROUND:

Throughout Joseph's story, he faces betrayal, injustice, and pain while remaining aware of God's hand at work. Favoritism, pride, and jealousy shape his life. Though God is never mentioned directly, he is neither absent nor inactive. Through Joseph's dreams, his family's choices, and human wickedness, God brings Joseph to Egypt to fulfill his greater purpose. God's providence works all things for good: human evil remains evil, but it cannot thwart his purposes.

OPEN:

1. How do you feel about last-minute changes to plans? Do you find it easy to adapt, or is it a bit challenging? Can you think of any examples?

REFLECT:

2. Read Genesis 37:5-11. What do Joseph's two dreams suggest about his future? Do you think he should have shared his dreams with his brothers?

3. Read Genesis 37:18-28. How would you describe the family dynamic and each family member's character? What traits of Jacob are reflected in the actions of his sons (see Genesis 27)?

4. Though God is never mentioned directly, what details point to a larger divine purpose at work? How is it that God is sovereign over Joseph's story while Jacob and his sons remain responsible for their actions?

APPLY:

5. Can you think of a time when you saw God at work in your life through a situation that initially seemed difficult? What did you learn from that experience

6. Are there situations in your life right now where God feels absent or inactive? How can Joseph's story encourage you to trust that God's long-term plans are bigger than your present circumstances?

7. When has someone's perspective helped you see God at work during a bleak time? As a Home Group, how can we encourage each other to trust God with the future?

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