



Life Group  
Sermon Guide Questions  
1 MARCH 2026



**Read Genesis 37:5-28**

**When God's Word Confronts Us**

Read: John 3:19–20; Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16

- 1) Why do you think people often welcome the comforting parts of Scripture but resist the confronting parts?
- 2) When has Scripture challenged your assumptions, plans, or sense of control?
- 3) What is the difference between being uncomfortable with God's Word and rejecting it?
- 4) Why is it important to remember that resistance to Scripture is often resistance to God Himself, not just an idea?

**Rejecting vs Wrestling**

Joseph's brothers rejected the dreams; Jacob wrestled with them.

Genesis 37:11 — "His father kept the saying in mind."

Read: Acts 17:11; Mark 9:24; Proverbs 3:5–6

- 5) Why is wrestling sometimes a sign of faith rather than unbelief?
- 6) Have you ever grown in faith through a passage you once struggled with?

# Responding to God's Word

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### **The Danger of Ongoing Resistance**

Joseph's brothers moved from: Hatred → Mockery → Jealousy → Conspiracy → Violence: Resistance hardened into hostility.

Read: Hebrews 3:12–13; Romans 1:21–25; Exodus 8:15 (Pharaoh hardens his heart)

- 7) Why do you think ongoing resistance to truth tends to harden the heart?
- 8) What are early warning signs that someone is beginning to resist God's voice?
- 9) In what ways can resistance to God's Word affect our relationships with others?

### **When the Word Makes You Unpopular**

Joseph suffered because he shared God's message.

Read: John 15:18–20; 2 Timothy 3:12; Matthew 5:10–12

- 10) Why do people sometimes react negatively toward those who live by Scripture?
- 11) How should Christians respond when they are criticized for their belief in Scripture?
- 12) How can we speak truth without becoming hostile?

### **God's Word is Unstoppable**

Joseph's brothers tried to silence the dream. But 20 years later it came true.

Read: Isaiah 55:11; Luke 1:37; Numbers 23:19; Isaiah 40:8

- 13) How does knowing God's Word is unstoppable bring comfort?
- 14) Dr. Hugh Ross calculated the odds of biblical prophecy being fulfilled by chance as less than 1 in 10 to the 2000th power. How does the fulfilled prophecy in Scripture strengthen your faith?

### **Trembling at God's Word**

God esteems: "The one who is humble and contrite...who trembles at my word." (Isaiah 66:2)

Read: James 1:22; Psalm 119:11; Luke 11:28

- 15) What does it mean practically to "tremble" at God's Word?
- 16) What competes with Scripture for authority in our lives today?

### **Closing:**

Which response do you most identify with right now?

- Rejecting?
- Wrestling?
- Trusting?

