

## **The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture**

### **Week 11: Negotiation**

#### *Discussion Questions*

Judah went from selling his brother Joseph into slavery to offering his own life for Benjamin. What does this transformation reveal about God's patience and power to change even the hardest hearts?

The sermon asks if it is ever too late for heart change or to right a wrong. How does Judah's story give you hope about situations in your own life that seem irredeemable?

Jacob's favoritism created deep wounds and bitterness in his sons. How have you seen favoritism or perceived rejection breed resentment in families or communities, and what does healing from that look like?

The sermon describes bitterness as drinking poison and expecting the one who hurt you to die. What unresolved anger or resentment might be poisoning your own heart right now?

Judah shows genuine concern for the pain of others after years of self-centeredness. What specific steps can we take to move from self-protection to compassion for those who have hurt us?

God used Judah's humiliating failure with Tamar to stop him in his tracks and begin transformation. How has God used your own failures or shame to redirect your life toward Him?

The sermon mentions that God sent Joseph ahead not to get even but to keep his family alive, showing the bigger picture. Where in your life do you need to trust that God sees a bigger picture you cannot yet see?

Ephesians 4 calls us to replace destructive patterns with constructive ones. What specific replacement behavior might God be calling you to practice in place of bitterness or anger?

Judah's willingness to sacrifice himself for Benjamin points forward to Jesus sacrificing Himself for sinners. How does understanding this connection deepen your appreciation for Christ's work on the cross?

The sermon emphasizes that transformation grows as we are in God's Word and mature. What practical changes could you make to your daily rhythm to allow God's Word to shape your heart more deeply?