

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

### **Week 13: Jacob's New Lease on Life**

#### *Discussion Questions*

How does Joseph's ability to see God's plan rather than his own story challenge the way you interpret difficult circumstances or wrongdoing in your own life?

In what ways have you seen God work through the hearts of leaders or people in authority, similar to how He directed Pharaoh's generosity toward Joseph's family?

The sermon discusses how new clothes symbolize a change of destiny throughout Scripture. What does putting off your old self and putting on the new self in Christ practically look like in your daily life?

Joseph warned his brothers not to quarrel on the way home. Why do you think guilt and shame cause us to rehearse our past sins even after forgiveness has been extended?

Jacob interpreted life through his pain and wounds rather than through God's promises. What areas of your life are you viewing through the lens of past hurt instead of God's faithfulness?

Why do you think it is often easier to quickly receive bad news but harder to trust and accept good news, especially when it comes to God's promises?

The sermon mentions that many struggle with sin because they view salvation as merely a ticket to heaven. How does understanding salvation as a complete transformation change how you approach daily spiritual battles?

Jacob needed to see evidence before he could believe Joseph was alive. How do you balance honest doubt with faith, and what evidence has God provided that strengthens your belief?

Ephesians 2 describes us as dead in our sins, unable to contribute anything to our salvation. How does accepting this reality free you from the burden of trying to earn God's favor?

Reflecting on the entire story of Joseph, how does seeing the bigger picture of God's sovereignty help you trust Him with the unresolved or painful chapters of your own story?