

The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture

Week 19: Joseph's Final Assessment

Discussion Questions

Joseph experienced betrayal, exile, injustice, and delay before seeing God's plan unfold. What current hardship in your life might God be using to build something you cannot yet see?

Joseph told his brothers, 'You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.' How does this perspective challenge or change the way you view past wrongs done to you?

Joseph returned to Canaan after 39 years to bury his father, and the text notes that Israel's first foothold in the promised land was a grave, not a house. What does this teach us about God's timing and the nature of His promises?

Despite having the power to take revenge, Joseph chose to comfort his brothers and provide for them. Where in your life is God calling you to extend forgiveness and provision rather than seeking justice or revenge?

Joseph recognized he was not in the place of God when his brothers feared his revenge. How does remembering our own position before God help us respond with grace to those who have wronged us?

The sermon states that God was building humility, faithfulness, endurance, wisdom, reconciliation, and preservation through Joseph's trials. Which of these qualities is God currently developing in you through your circumstances?

Joseph died without seeing all of God's promises fulfilled, yet he trusted that God would visit his people and bring them to the promised land. How can we maintain faith in God's promises when we may not see their fulfillment in our lifetime?

The connection is made between Joseph's story and the cross, where men meant evil but God meant it for salvation. How does the cross help you trust God when you cannot see the bigger picture in your own life?

Joseph's story shows that God's blessing is not with one single person but continues through generations. How does this truth affect the way you view your role in God's larger plan?

After nineteen weeks studying Joseph, the sermon says we should walk away trusting Joseph's God, not merely impressed by Joseph. What is the difference between admiring a biblical figure and actually trusting the God who worked through them?