

The Big Idea

This week, we introduced Joseph, a key figure in the survival of his family and the future nation of Israel. We explored the context of his life, from his position as the youngest son to the favoritism he experienced from his father. Additionally, we delve into Joseph's dreams and their impact on his relationship with his brothers, setting the stage for the unfolding drama and the powerful lessons we'll uncover throughout the series.



Things to Remember

"He [Joseph] never took his eyes off the Lord and didn't allow what was happening around him to dictate what was happening in Him.

"God is the hero of the story."

Next Steps

Reflect deeper on that last question. Take some time this week to sit and reflect on how God has used difficult circumstances and situations to move you closer to your destiny. In hindsight, how can you see God's hand in those situations? Pray and thank the Lord for his great works in your life up to this point. Then pray over what He will do in the days, weeks, months and years to come.

Key Verses

Proverbs 24:16, Hebrews 11:22,
Hebrews 11:13-16, Genesis 37:1-11,
Philippians 1:6, Hebrews 12:1-3

Discussion Questions

1. **Discuss** Joseph's life was characterized by a series of ups and downs, adversity, and triumph. Reflect on a time when you've faced adversity in your life. How did you handle it and what did you learn about God's providence during that time?
2. **Discuss** Joseph was favored by his father, but this favoritism led to his brothers' jealousy and betrayal. Yet, God used this betrayal to position Joseph in a place of influence in Egypt. How have you seen God working in your life, especially during times when it seemed like things were going wrong?
3. **Discuss** One of Joseph's key qualities was his ability to keep his faith in God regardless of his circumstances. How can you emulate this kind of faith in your own life when facing difficulties?
4. **Discuss** Joseph's story is full of contrasts: chosen and rejected, loved and hated, favored and abused. Reflect on the dualities present in your own life's journey. How have these experiences shaped you and brought you closer to your destiny?



Closing Prayer

Dear God,

I come to you today with a heart of thankfulness. I am thankful for all you have done and all you have given me in my life up until now. Thank you for allowing me and leading me to you divine purpose for my life. I pray God that I would continue to love a faithful life to you. I pray you would continue to walk with me through my struggles and my triumphs. I pray this in your precious name. Amen.

