

CG Guide Finding Jesus in Genesis: Isaac to Joseph

Discuss:

What comes to mind when you think of being a person who has received an abundance of favor and love?

Read: Genesis 37:1-11

Review Finding Jesus in Genesis:

1. Joseph was favored and loved by his father.

Jesus was favored and loved by the Father.

2. Joseph's brothers rejected the idea that he would rule over them.

Jews denied Jesus this same right.

3. Joseph was conspired against and stripped of his garments

Jesus was conspired against, beaten, mocked, and stripped of his garments.

4. Joseph was sold for silver

Jesus was sold for silver

6. Joseph resisted temptation in the name of God

Jesus resisted temptation in the name of God

5. Joseph was exalted in Egypt

Jesus was exalted above every name

7. Joseph forgave the betrayal of his brothers

Jesus forgave the betrayal of all mankind

1. Does Joseph's story bring up any personal bitterness or brokenness in your own life?

2. Can you relate to any of the people introduced in Joseph's story?

Who and How So?

3. Have you experienced adversity in an attempt to obey God?

Share a story about how God used that experience to grow your faith in Him.

4. Joseph went from the pit to prison, to the palace, and in each circumstance, he honored God.

- Where do you find it difficult to keep believing that God is in control?

5. Have you ever had a time in your faith journey where not trusting God has cost you more than if you would have trusted?

6. Joseph resisted temptation at the hands of Potiphar's wife because it was "a sin against God."

- Thinking honestly about your faith journey, what do you usually do when you're met with temptation?

7. What can we learn about God from Joseph's experience in Gen 39:2

8. Joseph forgives his brothers for their betrayal.

How do you think Joseph was able to forgive them?

9. What would your life be like if you rested in what God said, and not what you see happening around you?

10. How do you understand that God is inviting you to do His will in your life now?

“Hard times come even when you’re being faithful and that is no reason to be unfaithful.”