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# Life Group Questions





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 **Head:** “In the process the question has shifted from whether God can deliver the covenant benefits that he has promised to Abraham’s family to whether God can use this family to bring blessing to the world. Can all the nations of the earth be blessed through individuals and a family who are constantly on the brink of self-destruction?”

 What about you and your tribe?

(Genesis 37:12-36)





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- ✚ **Heart:** The sermon mentions the "anthropological significance of the garment motif" in Joseph's story. How do you **identify** clothing or outward appearances affecting social status in our society today?
- ✚ In what ways does Reuben's attempted intervention reveal the complexities of human nature and moral decision-making? And how do you navigate such matters when your **feelings** are in conflict?

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- ✚ **Hands:** **Reflect** on any favoritism or unfair treatment within your own family or social circles. **Consider** how you might address these issues in a healthy way.
- ✚ **Practice** looking for God's providence in difficult situations in your life this week. **Keep a journal** of instances where you see God at work.
- ✚ **Consider** how your outward appearance or status symbols might affect your interactions with others. **Challenge** yourself to look beyond surface-level judgments.
- ✚ If you're harboring resentment or hatred towards someone, **take steps** this week to **address** those feelings through prayer, reflection, or seeking reconciliation if appropriate.
- ✚ **Reflect** on how your family or community can be a blessing to others, even if you're facing internal challenges.

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# Five Day Devotional



# Day 1: God's Sovereign Plan in Our Suffering


Reading: Genesis 37:1-11

✚ Devotional: Joseph's story begins with dreams of greatness, but quickly descends into betrayal and suffering. Yet even in the darkest moments, God's sovereign plan was at work. Reflect on times in your life when you've faced adversity. How might God be using your challenges to shape you for a greater purpose? Remember that God's ways are higher than our ways, and He can use even our pain to bring about good. Today, trust that God is with you in your struggles, working all things together for your good and His glory.



## Day 2: Overcoming Jealousy and Hatred


Reading: Genesis 37:12-24

 Devotional: The hatred of Joseph's brothers led them to commit a terrible act against their own flesh and blood. Jealousy and resentment can poison our hearts and relationships if left unchecked. Consider areas in your life where you might be harboring negative feelings towards others. How can you release these emotions to God and seek His healing? Pray for the strength to love even those who have hurt you, remembering that we are all imperfect and in need of God's grace.



# Day 3: God's Presence in Our Lowest Moments


Reading: Genesis 37:25-36

 Devotional: As Joseph was sold into slavery, it must have seemed like God had abandoned him. Yet we know that God was with Joseph every step of the way, even in the pit and on the journey to Egypt. When we feel forsaken, God is still present. Reflect on times when you've felt alone or abandoned. How can you cultivate an awareness of God's presence, even in your darkest hours? Take time to sit quietly and simply be with God, trusting that He is near, even when you can't feel Him.



# Day 4: The Power of Forgiveness Reading:

Genesis 50:15-21

 Devotional: Years later, Joseph would have the opportunity to revenge himself on his brothers, but instead chose forgiveness. This act of grace mirrors God's forgiveness towards us. Are there people in your life you need to forgive? How might extending forgiveness free you from bitterness and align you more closely with God's heart? Pray for the courage to forgive as you have been forgiven, trusting that God can bring beauty from ashes.



# Day 5: God's Faithfulness Through Generations

Reading: Hebrews 11:21-22

✚ Devotional: The faith of Joseph and his father Jacob is remembered in the great "Hall of Faith" in Hebrews. Their story reminds us that God's faithfulness extends through generations, even when individual lives are marked by struggle and sin. How has God shown His faithfulness in your family's history? How can you leave a legacy of faith for future generations? Take time to thank God for His unchanging nature and commit to being a link in the chain of faith, passing on the truth of God's love to those who come after you.





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