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Life Group Questions



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✚ **Head:** Jacob's inability or unwillingness to love his tribe equally endangers the family's blessings and the same if true for us.

✚ What happens when **DESTINY** meets **DIFFICULTY**, **DISCORD**, **DELAYS**, **DESPERATION**, **DISASTER**, **DISHONESTY**, **DISPLACEMENT** and **DYSFUNCTION**?

(Genesis 37:1-11)



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- ✚ **Heart:** How might Jacob's favoritism towards Joseph **reflect** our own tendencies to show partiality, and what are the potential consequences of such behavior in our families and communities?
- ✚ In what ways do we sometimes perpetuate generational sins or dysfunctions in our own lives, and can we **identify** ways to break these cycles with God's help?
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- ✚ **Hands:** Self-reflection: **Take time** this week to **examine** any areas where you might be showing favoritism or perpetuating unhealthy family patterns.
- ✚ Love exercise: **Choose** one person who is difficult to love and intentionally **show** them kindness this week.
- ✚ Generational healing: **Have a conversation** with a family member about any negative patterns you've noticed and **discuss** ways to promote positive change.
- ✚ Gratitude practice: Each day this week, **acknowledge** God's sovereignty by **thanking** Him for working through a challenging situation in your life.
- ✚ Scripture meditation: **Spend time** reflecting on Proverbs 14:30 - "A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones." **Consider** how you can cultivate peace rather than envy in your relationships.

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Five Day Devotional

Day 1: God's Sovereign Love

Reading: Genesis 37:1-11

 Devotional: Joseph's story begins with family dysfunction and favoritism, yet God's sovereign plan prevails. Despite human failings, God's love remains constant. Reflect on how God has shown His love in your life, even in difficult circumstances. How can you trust in His sovereignty today? Consider areas where you may be showing favoritism and ask God to help you love others equally, as He does.

Day 2: Faith Amidst Adversity

Reading: Genesis 39:1-23

 Devotional: Joseph faced betrayal, false accusations, and imprisonment, yet he remained faithful to God. His story reminds us that faith isn't just for good times, but sustains us through trials. What challenges are you facing? How can you demonstrate unwavering faith like Joseph? Pray for strength to trust God's plan, even when you can't see the outcome.

Day 3: God's Presence in Suffering

Reading: Genesis 41:14-40

 Devotional: After years of hardship, Joseph's God-given wisdom elevates him to a position of power. God was with Joseph in the pit and the prison, preparing him for this moment. Where do you see God's presence in your own struggles? How might current difficulties be preparing you for future opportunities? Thank God for His constant presence and ask for eyes to see His work in all circumstances.

Day 4: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

 Devotional: Joseph's forgiveness of his brothers demonstrates the transformative power of God's love. Instead of seeking revenge, he sees God's hand in his journey. Are there people you need to forgive? How can God's perspective change your view of past hurts? Pray for a heart of forgiveness and the courage to pursue reconciliation where possible.

Day 5: Hope in God's Promises

Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

 Devotional: Joseph's final words to his brothers affirm his trust in God's good purposes. Despite years of suffering, he clings to hope in God's promises. What promises of God do you need to remember today? How can Joseph's perspective inspire you to see God's bigger picture in your life? Ask God to renew your hope and help you trust in His ultimate good plan for your life and for others.



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