

# IN THE BEGINNING...

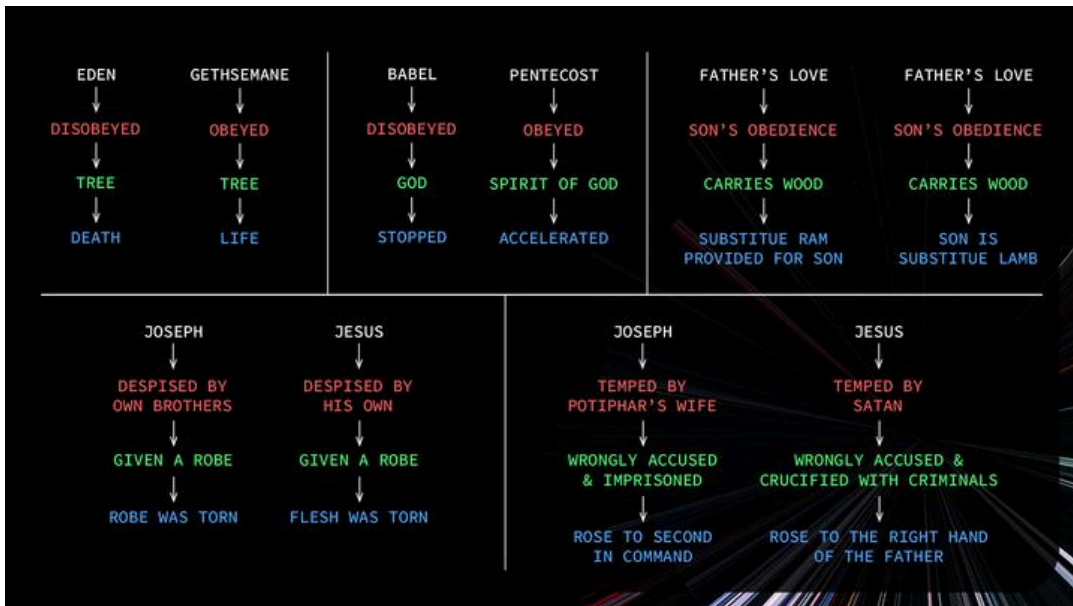
A STUDY OF GENESIS

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Part 8: Joseph (Genesis 37-50)

Pastor Tom Kang

- 1) **ICEBREAKER:** Share one example of Family Drama from your life. OR identify 4 people from the last 100 years who have had a disproportionate amount of influence on our world today.
- 2) In the passage from Genesis 37, we see the dynamics of family favoritism and jealousy play out in Joseph's story. How does this resonate with experiences of family drama or tension in your own life?
- 3) Discuss the parallels drawn between Joseph's life and the life of Jesus. How does Joseph serve as a prototype or precursor to Christ? In what ways do their experiences reflect broader themes of redemption and restoration?



- 4) Pastor Tom emphasized the theme of trusting in God's CHARACTER rather than our CIRCUMSTANCES. Can you think of personal experiences where trusting in God's character brought perspective during challenging times?
- 5) Explore the idea of God's silence versus His presence in the midst of trials. How does Joseph's story reassure us of God's providence even when His actions seem unclear or absent? Have you ever experienced a situation where God's presence became evident after a period of feeling abandoned?

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6) Consider Joseph's response to his brothers when he reveals his identity in Genesis 45. How does Joseph's forgiveness and compassion towards those who wronged him challenge our attitudes towards forgiveness and reconciliation?

7) Reflect on Genesis 50:19-21 and its connection to Romans 8:28. How does Joseph's understanding of God's sovereignty and ability to work all things for good resonate with your own faith journey? How can we apply this perspective to our struggles and challenges?

8) How has this series on the first book of the Bible impacted you the most?

**CONCLUSION:** Who will you be inviting to LATTC this Easter? Perhaps a neighbor, classmate, coworker, friend, or a family member? Spend some time as a small group to pray for the people that come to mind... that they might fall in love with the Risen Savior, Jesus.

## Share Easter

