

# SHADOWS

## GLIMPSES OF JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

### Joseph

Week 4 | Genesis 45:1-28

All throughout the Old Testament, we see story after story of faithful yet flawed men and women whose lives reflect glimpses of the **glory** of the coming King, Jesus Christ.

Isaac had a son named Jacob, who the Lord would rename "Israel," and it is from this lineage that the promise that God made to Abraham would be fulfilled. Israel had twelve sons, and it is from these sons that the twelve tribes of the nation of Israel would emerge. Joseph, one of Israel's sons, found so much favor in the eyes of his father that it drove his brothers mad with envy, and his brothers turned against him and sold him into slavery. Joseph was brought to Egypt as a slave, where he was falsely accused of seducing his boss's wife and thrown in jail. In jail, he used his God-given gift to interpret the dreams of his fellow prisoners, which eventually led to him interpreting dreams for the Pharaoh, who in turn promoted Joseph to second in command over Egypt. Joseph led Egypt to prosper in the midst of a widespread famine. This famine affected Israel, who sent his sons to Egypt to buy grain, where they unknowingly stood before the very brother that they sold into slavery, asking him for mercy and help.

#### BEFORE YOU START

Pray for God to illuminate his word, guide the conversation, and stir our souls.

What's the dumbest thing that you ever did as a child?

Read **Genesis 45:1-28**.

Summarize the passage in your own words. What stands out to you?



What was the posture of Joseph's heart toward his brothers? Why?



How do you tend to handle being wronged? How holistically do you forgive?



Read Ephesians 4:31-32. How is it that Christ forgave us? Is there anyone that you need to forgive or ask forgiveness from?



How is Jesus the true and better Joseph?

#### BEFORE YOU'RE SENT

What is God teaching you? What are you going to do about it? How can we help?

How can we pray for you? For your neighbors?