



Let's Talk:

Children often perceive preferential treatment of a sibling. Would you say your parents had a favourite child? If yes, were they still able to love and nurture each child in the family equally or did the favouritism impact relationships?

Briefly discuss how God's favour differs from the favouritism by a parent.

Let's Study:

Read Genesis 37:1-11.

What did God reveal to Joseph in his dreams, about the plans He had for his life?

Do you think Joseph should have told his family about the dreams?

Read Genesis 37:19-21, 27 and 36.

List the sinful behaviours of Joseph's brothers. God is Holy and yet He used the evil actions of man to bring about His plan to save the nation of Israel. How can we hold these two realities together?

Read Genesis 39:20:2-3 and 23.

What phrase is used at both the beginning and the end of the chapter?

Joseph was waiting in prison for two years before he was released and put in charge of Egypt. In what ways was God developing Joseph's character and his trust in Him?

Read Proverbs 3:5.

How would you describe to a nonbeliever what it means to trust in God?

Let's Apply:

You are favoured by God. Does this truth impact the way you live your life?

Have you ever experienced brokenness or betrayal in your family or church community? Are you able to see the good that God is bringing from that brokenness? If not, does Joseph's story bring comfort? Why or why not?

As a slave and as a prisoner, Joseph had no title to boast of but because of God's favour, he had spiritual authority. Have you ever let your position limit you from being an influencer for Jesus?

What are some unique ways that God may be calling you to make an impact, simply because of who you are?

Let's Pray:

God is constantly in the process of redeeming all things. Ask God to help you trust Him to work all things out to His glory and for our good.