

Weekend Message Questions
Fabric of Faith - Joseph
Sept. 2-3, 2023

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CHECK-IN: Check with the members of your group to see how they are doing.

DISCUSS: Are you familiar with the story of Joseph? If so, talk about what you know.

READ: Genesis 37:2-36

DISCUSS:

- **Sibling Rivalry and Jealousy:**
 - How do the dynamics of jealousy and rivalry among Joseph and his brothers shape the events in this passage?
 - What can we learn about the consequences of jealousy within a family or community?
- **Dreams and Interpretation:**
 - Joseph has two significant dreams in this passage. What do these dreams symbolize, and how do they contribute to the conflict between Joseph and his brothers?
 - How important is the theme of dreams in the broader context of the Bible?
- **Parental Favoritism:**
 - Jacob's favoritism towards Joseph is evident in this passage. How does Jacob's favoritism affect the relationships in his family?
 - What lessons can we draw from this regarding the responsibilities of parents in nurturing positive family dynamics?
- **Deception and Betrayal:**
 - Joseph's brothers deceive their father by presenting Joseph's bloodied coat as evidence of his demise. What does this act of deception reveal about their character and the lengths to which they are willing to go to hide their actions?
 - How does this theme of deception recur in later biblical narratives?
- **God's Providence:**
 - Despite the difficulties and trials Joseph faces, the passage hints at God's overarching plan. How does the concept of God's providence manifest in this story?
 - What lessons can we learn about trusting in God's plan, even in the face of adversity and betrayal?

READ: Genesis 50:20

DISCUSS:

- **The Theme of Forgiveness:**
 - How does Joseph's attitude of forgiveness and his recognition of God's greater purpose provide a powerful example for us today?
 - What can we learn from Joseph about forgiving those who have wronged us and trusting in God's ultimate plan?
- **The Sovereignty of God:**
 - This passage highlights the idea that God can use even the negative actions of individuals for His greater purpose. How does the concept of God's sovereignty, as demonstrated in Genesis 50:20, influence our understanding of events in our own lives and in the world?
 - How can we apply this belief in God's sovereignty to find meaning and purpose in difficult or seemingly unjust circumstances?

READ: Genesis 39:1-2

DISCUSS:

- **Resilience in Adversity:**

- What can we learn from Joseph's ability to thrive and maintain his integrity in the face of adversity and injustice?
- How can we apply his example to our own lives when facing challenging situations or unfair treatment?

DISCUSS: What lessons can we draw from Joseph's journey in Genesis that can inspire us to navigate our own challenges and setbacks with faith and resilience?

Pray to close.

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