

GENESIS 37:12-36

“PROVIDENCE”

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LET'S TALK!

Main Idea: God has two hands. One is his Visible hand of miracle; the other is his Invisible hand of providence. Many doctrines are difficult to understand until you see them play out in someone's life. Joseph's life is a case study in the providence of God.

Providence Defined: God takes the sinful actions of sinful people that are intended for nothing more than evil, and uses those things for good and the saving of many lives.

#1 PROVIDENCE SETS CHRISTIANITY APART

- How is Christianity different from every other religion?

#2 PROVIDENCE FLIPS EVIL FOR GOOD

- Share another example (Biblical or personal) of how our Providential God has flipped evil for good?

#3 PROVIDENCE REQUIRES PERSPECTIVE

- Think back and share a time when something evil or bad has happened to you and it took time and perspective before you were able to see the good God was doing through it.
- Is there anything happening in your life currently that you need perspective and reminded that God is a God of providence to help you endure? If so, Ask the Lord to provide that perspective and to give you the encouragement from Joseph's example to keep on running the race.