

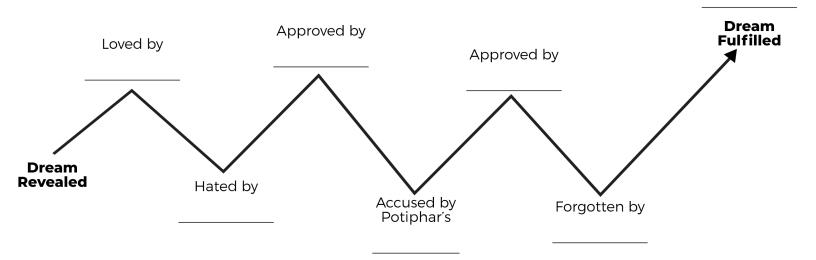
Joseph and His Heart

Joseph's Life Story: Genesis chapters 37 and 39-50

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The Dilemma:

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God cares more about the **development** of the dreamer than the **fulfillment** of the dream

The Famine: Genesis 41:57-42:13

The Test: Genesis 42:18-24

The Reunions: Genesis 43:26-30; 45:3-5; Revelation 21:3-4

Why would God allow these detours?

	His promises to Joseph
	Joseph to lead through this famine
•	Abraham's family line, out of which would eventually come Jesus

Joseph's perspective reminds us that there is often _____ going on in a situation than we see on the 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Will I get stuck in the past, or will I find a way, with the help of Jesus, to move past the pain and keep living for Him today and look forward to tomorrow?



--Online Notes







a few songs

We will sing



A host will say "Hello"



You will hear an encouraging message



We will sing some more



We will receive an offering

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Have you ever had to choose between revenge and reconciliation? What did you choose? Why?
- 2. Can you think of an example of a second chance God gave you to learn from a past mistake?
- 3. Why do you think we so often refuse to acknowledge and deal with our emotions?
- 4. Are you currently living with bitterness toward someone else? What would it take to overcome that bitterness and forgive the person?
- 5. What would have to be different in your heart to choose as Joseph did?
- 6. How can you let go of your past and embrace the life you have?
- 7. What needs to happen in your life for you to feel peace? Is there a person to reconcile with or an issue to address?

Memory Verse

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:4 ESV

My Next Steps:

- o I'll memorize Revelation 21:4
- o Today, for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- o I will choose to make and live at peace with my past as far as it depends on me
- o I will ask God to work in my heart to see my detours the way God does

o I'll come back next week and invite	
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Additional Notes:		