

# Joseph and His Family

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

Detour Series Key Ide	eas:		
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of the dream			
- What we often se	e as a	is actually the	
An Ancient Family wi	th Modern Prok	olems:	
$\cdot$ Joseph's family was a	a	!	
<ul> <li>Joseph's generation</li> </ul>	al heritage and ir	mmediate family were both	
			Genesis 27-33
			Genesis 34
			Genesis 26:6-11; 35:22
			Genesis 37:5-28
Our Painful Reality:			
• There are	perfect familie	s!	
• Because of	, we are brol	ken people living in broken famili	es <b>Romans 3:10-12, 23</b>
The Good News:			
$\cdot$ The cycle of dysfunc	tion can be	as we make diffe	erent
• Real	is possi	ble, and is the w	ау
• Jesus brings			
		Proverbs 16:4; 19:21; Col	ossians 1:16; Romans 11:36
		John 16:33; Gala	tians 5:22; Philippians 4:7
		Acts 1:8; Cold	ossians 1:11; Ephesians 3:16
• Our past	our present b	out does not have to	our future
·			2 Corinthians 5:17
Joseph refused to be de	efined by the dys	function of his family and chose	differently. He rejected
Deception and chose		$\cdot$ Passivity and chose	
$\cdot$ Revenge and chose $\cdot$ Jealousy and chose			



# **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. Do you have a memorable story of a time you were traveling and were forced to take a detour?
- 2. God's chosen people came from a dysfunctional family. Is that encouraging to you or troubling? Why?
- 3. How have you experienced the statement, "Life is a journey, not a destination, therefore, life is made up of one detour after another"?
- 4. Have you ever faced one of the 4 choices Joseph dealt with (things he rejected)? If so, how?
- 5. In what one specific area do you most want to break your generational pattern and establish a new legacy? What decisions would you need to make in order to do that? What habits or patterns would you need to develop?
- 6. For parents: In what ways do you see your personal character flaws in the lives of your children? What can you do to help them break the cycle in their lives?

#### **Memory Verse**

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

# **My Next Steps:**

- o I'll memorize 2 Corinthians 5:17
- o Today, for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- o I'll join a Hope group this fall
- o I'll come back for the rest of the series and invite \_\_\_\_\_
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## **Resources:**

- Home Team Series
- The Proven Playbook Series

## **Additional Notes:**

