

OVERCOMER

The Life of Joseph

ADULTS & STUDENTS DISCUSSION GUIDE

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JOSEPH DEMONSTRATED A LIFE THAT WAS WELL ANCHORED WHEN HIT BY THE STORMS OF ADVERSITY.

- READ: GENESIS 37:18-28; 39:1-6 -

DISCUSS:

- *WHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE TIMES IN WHICH YOU EXPERIENCED ADVERSITY? WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT GOD? WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF?*
- *ACCORDING TO OUR PASSAGE, WHAT DIFFERENT KINDS OF ADVERSITY DID JOSEPH FACE? RELATE?*
- *READ 1 PETER 5:5-10. "SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ARE BORN OUT OF ADVERSITY." IN WHAT WAYS HAVE YOU SEEN GOD'S PURPOSE AND PRESENCE THROUGH YOUR ADVERSITY?*
- *ACCORDING TO OUR PASSAGE, WHAT WAS THE KEY TO JOSEPH'S SUCCESS? IF OTHERS WERE TO EXAMINE YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW WOULD THEY SAY THAT THE LORD WAS WITH YOU ALSO? EXPLAIN.*

APPLY:

- *"OVERCOMING ADVERSITY IS A PROCESS AND A PERSPECTIVE." WHAT IS YOUR DEFAULT PERSPECTIVE TO ADVERSITY? IS IT SEEKING COMFORT OR CONFORMING TO CHRIST? EXPLAIN.*
- *HOW CAN YOU REST IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE MIDST OF ADVERSITY? WHAT OBSTACLES MAY HINDER YOU FROM DOING SO? READ PSALM 34:19. HOW IS THIS ENCOURAGING?*
- *IN ORDER TO OVERCOME ADVERSITY, WE MUST BE PREPARED TO TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES, BE SECURE BY RESTING IN GOD'S PRESENCE, AND BE FAITHFUL TO STRIVE IN GOD'S POWER. OF THESE, WHERE IS GOD CALLING FOR YOU TO SUBMIT TO HIM AND GROW IN MOST?*
- *PASTOR DARRYL GAVE THE ILLUSTRATION OF THE CARROT, EGG, AND COFFEE BEANS TO ILLUSTRATE THAT WE CAN BE CHANGED BY ADVERSITY OR WE CAN BE AGENTS OF CHANGE. WHICH DO YOU IDENTIFY WITH MOST RIGHT NOW? ARE YOU HAPPY WITH THAT ANSWER? IF NOT, WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE?*

PRAY TOGETHER:

- *PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER: 1) THAT WE WOULD REALIZE THAT WHEN THE STORMS OF ADVERSITY BLOW AGAINST OUR LIFE, THAT WE WOULD HAVE COURAGE TO ANCHOR OURSELVES IN GOD'S TRUTH. 2) THE NAME OF SOMEONE YOU WILL COMMIT TO ENCOURAGE THIS WEEK.*