

OVERCOMER

The Life of Joseph

ADULTS & STUDENTS DISCUSSION GUIDE

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JOSEPH OVERCAME DISCOURAGEMENT BECAUSE HE WALKED WITH GOD AND WAS FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

DISCUSS:

- READ: GENESIS 39:19-23; 40; 41:1-3 -

- IF YOU HAD TO EXPLAIN THE WORD, "DISCOURAGEMENT," WHAT WOULD YOU SAY? HOW HAVE YOU SEEN THE LORD TURN SOMETHING THAT WAS INITIALLY A DISCOURAGEMENT IN YOUR LIFE TO SOMETHING GOOD?
- ACCORDING TO OUR PASSAGES, WHAT ARE SPECIFIC WAYS THAT JOSEPH'S STORY CAN BE DESCRIBED INITIALLY AS ONE DISAPPOINTMENT AFTER ANOTHER?
- ACCORDING TO PASTOR DARRYL'S MESSAGE, DISCOURAGEMENT COMES WHEN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES ARE EITHER NOT WHAT WE EXPECTED, NOT WHAT WE BELIEVE WE DESERVE, OR NOT CHANGED. WHICH OF THESE DO YOU RELATE TO THE MOST?
- IF EVERY TRIAL IS DESIGNED TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOURSELF, WHAT IS GOD SHOWING YOU IN THIS SEASON THAT YOU WOULD NOT HAVE SEEN AT ANY OTHER TIME?

APPLY:

- WHEN FACED WITH DISCOURAGEMENT, WE HAVE A FEW OPTIONS: GIVE INTO DISPAIR, PRETEND YOU DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM, OR FACE THE SITUATION WITH GREAT FAITH. WHICH OF THESE DO YOU MOST COMMONLY IDENTIFY WITH? HOW DO YOU MAINTAIN MOTIVATION TO MOVE FORWARD??
- READ GENESIS 39:2 & 21. MAINTAINING A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS ESSENTIAL TO FACE DISCOURAGEMENT FAITHFULLY. WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BOTH MAINTAIN AND DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST? HOW CAN YOU INCREASE YOUR FOCUS AWAY FROM YOURSELF AND ON OTHERS?
- READ GENESIS 39:9-13 AND JAMES 1:13-15. EXPLAIN WHY RESISTING TEMPTATION IS IMPORTANT IN OVERCOMING DISCOURAGEMENT AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO NOT GIVE IN.
- READ ROMANS 8:28 AND 2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-9. HOW CAN THESE PROMISES AS WELL AS OTHERS DISCUSSED, ENCOURAGE YOU TO LIVE BY FAITH IN THE MIDST OF DISCOURAGEMENT?

PRAY TOGETHER:

- PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER: 1) THAT WE WOULD PRIORITIZE OUR WALK WITH GOD, ESPECIALLY IN THE MIDST OF DISCOURAGEMENT. 2) THAT WE WOULD BE AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO ONE OTHER PERSON THIS WEEK.

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