

# OVERCOMER

## The Life of Joseph

### ADULTS & STUDENTS DISCUSSION GUIDE

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**- OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGE OF PROSPERITY -**  
**YOU CAN OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES THAT COME WITH PROSPERITY**  
**BY KEEPING YOUR LIFE PERSPECTIVE FOCUSED ON GOD'S PURPOSE**  
**FOR YOUR LIFE.**

#### DISCUSS:

#### - READ: GENESIS 41:38-46 -

- IF YOU HAD TO EXPLAIN THE WORD "PROSPERITY" TO SOMEONE, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY? HOW CAN THAT WORD BE DEFINED BY THE WORLD? HOW HAVE YOU PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED PROSPERITY?
- WHEN AND WHAT WAS THE LAST TIME AND THING THAT YOU SACRIFICED FOR THE GOSPEL? WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF BOTH THE "PROSPERITY GOSPEL" AND THE "POVERTY GOSPEL?"
- ACCORDING TO OUR SERIES AND PASSAGE, HOW HAVE WE SEEN JOSEPH SPECIFICALLY CHALLENGED BY PROSPERITY IN THE FOLLOWING: POSITION, POWER, PRESTIGE, AND POSSESSIONS?
- ACCORDING TO PASTOR DARRYL, "IT'S NOT PROSPERITY THAT RUINS PEOPLE. IT'S OFTENTIMES PROSPERITY THAT REVEALS THE ATTITUDE OF OUR HEARTS AND EXPOSES THE WEAKNESS OF OUR HEARTS AND LOVE FOR THINGS." ARE THERE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU HAVE LOVED MORE THAN GOD AT TIMES? WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?

#### APPLY:

- OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGE OF PROSPERITY REQUIRES US TO REMEMBER 3 THINGS: 1) THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD, 2) THE PURPOSE OF GOD, AND 3) THE PERSON OF GOD. HOW DO WE SEE THESE IN JOSEPH'S STORY? HOW HAVE YOU SEEN THESE IN YOUR STORY?
- IN GENESIS 50:20 WE ARE REMINDED THAT DESPITE ALL OF THE SEEMINGLY BAD SITUATIONS JOSEPH ENDURED THROUGHOUT HIS LIFETIME, GOD USED THE SITUATIONS IN HIS LIFE FOR GOOD AND THE SAVING OF MANY LIVES. HAVE YOU SEEN HIM USE A SITUATION IN YOUR LIFE IN A SIMILAR WAY?
- HOW DOES THE WAY GOD WORKED IN JOSEPH'S STORY INFORM OR ALTER YOUR RESPONSE TO BAD SITUATIONS YOU MAY BE IN EVEN NOW? HOW COULD YOU USE THAT AREA FOR GOD'S GLORY?
- MAKE A LIST OF THE THINGS THAT GOD HAS PROVIDED IN YOUR LIFE AND PLACE IT SOMEWHERE THAT YOU CAN REFER TO IT. WHAT IS YOUR NUMBER 1?

#### PRAY TOGETHER:

- PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER: 1) PRAY THAT GOD WOULD HELP US TURN FROM IDOLATRY & SEE HIM OF GREATER VALUE THAN ANYTHING ELSE. 2) THAT WE WOULD BE FOCUSED ON GOD'S PURPOSE FOR OUR LIFE AND NOT OUR OWN.

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