

OVERCOMER

The Life of Joseph

ADULTS & STUDENTS DISCUSSION GUIDE

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- OVERCOMING RESENTMENT AND BITTERNESS -

YOU CAN OVERCOME RESENTMENT AND BITTERNESS BY TRUSTING GOD'S SOVEREIGN PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE AND BY TREATING THOSE WHO HAVE HARMED YOU WITH GRACE.

DISCUSS:

- READ: GENESIS 50:15-21 -

- IF YOU HAD TO EXPLAIN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE "BITTER AND RESENTFUL" TO SOMEONE, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?
- ACCORDING TO OUR SERIES AND PASSAGE, IT WOULD APPEAR JOSEPH COULD HAVE EASILY BECOME A BITTER AND RESENTFUL MAN. IF YOU WERE JOSEPH, WOULD YOU HAVE BEEN BITTER? HOW HAVE WE SEEN JOSEPH COME TO VIEW HIS SUFFERING?
- ACCORDING TO PASTOR DARRYL, THERE ARE 4 MAIN CAUSES OF BITTERNESS WE SEE IN OUR PASSAGE: (1) MISTREATMENT BY OTHERS, (2) JEALOUSY, (3) CIRCUMSTANCES, AND (4) UNFULFILLED DREAMS. DO YOU SEE BITTERNESS IN ANY OF THESE AREAS OF YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?
- READ ROMANS 8:28. THE FIRST STEP TO OVERCOME BITTERNESS IS TO TRUST GOD'S SOVEREIGN PLAN. HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK YOU TRUST GOD'S SOVEREIGN PLAN OVER YOUR LIFE?

APPLY:

- THE SECOND STEP TO OVERCOMING BITTERNESS IS TREATING OTHERS WITH GRACE. GRACE IS UNDESERVED, UNRESERVED, AND UNENDING. HOW HAVE YOU PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED THE GRACE OF GOD? DO YOU STRUGGLE TO EXTEND THIS KIND OF GRACE TO OTHERS?
- STEVE CANFIELD IDENTIFIES 5 STEPS TOWARD FREEDOM: (1) MAKE A LIST, (2) CLEAR YOUR CONSCIENCE, (3) THANK GOD, (4) CHOOSE TO FORGIVE, AND (5) REBUILD RELATIONSHIPS. WHICH OF THESE STEPS DO YOU NEED TO START WITH?
- ADRIAN ROGERS STATED, "FORGIVENESS IS NOT AN EMOTION, IT IS A CHOICE." READ EPHESIANS 4:31-32. WHY SHOULD WE FORGIVE OTHERS? IF YOU WERE HONEST, IS THERE ANYONE YOU HAVE NOT FORGIVEN THAT YOU NEED TO?
- WHY IS HAVING A CLEAR CONSCIENCE SO IMPORTANT IN OVERCOMING BITTERNESS? ARE THERE ANY CIRCUMSTANCES THAT YOU NEED PRAYER FOR?

PRAY TOGETHER:

- PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER: THAT WE WOULD TRUST GOD FULLY AND EXTEND GRACE GENEROUSLY.

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