OVERCOMER The Life of Joseph

ADULTS & STUDENTS DISCUSSION GUIDE MAR. 22, 2020

JOSEPH OVERCAME AN IMPERFECT FAMILY
BECAUSE GOD WAS WITH HIM AND HE GREW IN FAITH
AND FAITHFULNESS TO GOD.

- GENESIS 37:1-11 -

DISCUSS:

- WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PICTURE IN YOUR POSSESSION? WHY DOES IT MEAN SO MUCH TO YOU?
- IN TIMES WHEN WE SEEK ENCOURAGEMENT AND REMEMBER THAT GOD USES IMPERFECT PEOPLE, WHAT ARE SOME SPECIFIC PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE YOU TURN TO?
- ACCORDING TO OUR PASSAGE, WHAT MISTAKES DID JOSEPH MAKE? CAN YOU RELATE TO HIM AT ALL WITH YOUR OWN MISTAKES? EXPLAIN.
- "YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PERFECT TO BE WONDERFULLY USED BY GOD." WHAT WAYS HAVE YOU SEEN THE LORD USE YOU IN YOUR IMPERFECTIONS IN THE PAST?

APPLY:

- IN LIGHT OF OUR PASSAGE, WE HAVE TO BE HONEST AND REALIZE THAT EVERY IMPERFECT FAMILY ALSO INCLUDES US. ARE THERE ANY CHARACTER FLAWS OR MISTAKES IN YOUR LIFE THAT HAVE ALLOWED YOU TO NEGATIVELY AFFECT YOURSELF AND/OR YOUR FAMILY?
- WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS ONE WAY THAT YOU CAN BE FAITHFUL DESPITE HAVING AN IMPERFECT FAMILY? HOW CAN YOU ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME?
- ARE THERE AREAS OF YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU NEED TO BE HONEST AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR? WHAT AREA(S) DO YOU NEED TO REST IN GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN?
- READ ROMANS 3:23 AND 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17. WHAT TRUTHS DO THESE VERSES PROVIDE FOR IMPERFECT PEOPLE AND IMPERFECT FAMILIES?

PRAY TOGETHER:

 PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER: 1) THAT WE WOULD BE HONEST ABOUT OUR OWN MISTAKES AND TRUST IN GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PROVIDENCE. 2) THAT WE WOULD NOT LIVE IN THE PAST BUT IN OUR NEW IDENTITY AS NEW CREATIONS.

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