



## **LOOP Questions**

### **Pastor Stadi Reaves**

### **February 18, 2024**

#### The Story of Joseph

The story of Joseph is found in Genesis 37 - 50.

1. Jacob found favor in his son Joseph. What did Jacob give to Joseph that he didn't give to his other children? (A multi-colored coat) Pastor Stadi mentioned this was interesting because Jacob's father, Isaac had found favor in one child over another. What could be the result if you favor one child over another in parenting? How can you avoid this in parenting?

Read Romans 2:10-11. What does this verse say about God? (God doesn't play favorites.) Do you agree with this? What does it mean in life that God doesn't play favorites?

2. Read Genesis 37:5-11. Joseph was given a dream by God. If you were Joseph's brothers or father, how do you think you would've responded to this dream? Pastor Stadi said that when God gives a dream, He also gives the enablement and ability to move forward in that dream. How can you know if a dream is from God? (It aligns with God's Word).

Has God ever given you a dream for your life or family or future? Did you move forward in it? Did you move forward in it? If you didn't, why not? What step could you take to begin to move forward in the dream God gave you?

3. As Joseph was sharing his dream, he neglected to give God glory for the dream. In essence, He robbed God of His glory. What are some ways in our lives we can give God glory for what He does in our lives? How sometimes do we neglect to give God glory as we move forward in life?
4. While Joseph was eager to share his dream, he had no idea of what he would have to go through to see that dream come true. He didn't consider the cost. What can happen sometimes if you choose to share our dream with others? When we move forward in the dream and things get hard, how do we respond? What steps should we take to continue to move forward even when things get tough?
5. Read Genesis 37:18-20. Joseph's brother decided in their anger to plot to kill Joseph. Have you ever made a bad decision in a moment of anger? What can happen if you let anger sit inside of you for a while? What can you do with that anger so that it doesn't get the best of you or cause you to make a bad decision?
6. Read Genesis 37:21-24. Joseph was thrown into a pit, left for dead and ultimately sold into slavery. Where did Joseph end up? (Egypt) Why is this significant? (Egypt was the very place that God needed him to be to fulfill the dream). What is the purpose of trials and troubles in this life? (Sometimes they can be used by God to get us to where He wants us to be to fulfill His purposes in our lives)

Joseph would not have chosen this route for his life but this was what God wanted and needed so his dream could be fulfilled.

7. Genesis 39:1-19 - Potifar recognized that God was with Joseph. Joseph served Potifar with excellence. What difference did this make in Joseph's situation? Why is it important that no matter what situation we find ourselves in (bad marriage, abusive boss, family member we don't get along with) that we serve those around us with excellence and reflecting God in everything we do? What result did this have in Joseph's situation? (He became the second in command.)
8. In the midst of doing this, Potiphar's wife noticed Joseph. She continued to try to seduce him on a daily basis. What did Joseph do in this situation? What happens if we try to reason with temptation and sin? What would ultimately be the result? Pastor Stadi said we need to do what Joseph did and run!

Even though Joseph ran away, what was the result? (Potiphar's wife accused Joseph and Joseph was thrown into prison because of this. Have you ever suffered for something even though you did the right thing?

9. Joseph did something his father didn't do...he lived with integrity. Do we have to follow in the same footsteps as those that have gone before us? What could happen in our family and even our futures if we change our family tree and chose to make different decisions?
10. Joseph was promoted in jail to lead the prisoners and was asked to interpret two dreams...the baker and the cupbearer. Ultimately his faithfulness in prison got him in front of Pharaoh to interpret his dream. This led to being promoted again to where he was the main person responsible for helping Egypt overcome a famine in the land.
11. Joseph had an opportunity to get revenge on his brothers. He had the authority to have them killed. He had the authority, the means and the reason. What did Joseph decide to do? (He extended grace and forgiveness). Ultimately he extended salvation to the nation of Israel. He told his brothers that what the enemy meant for evil, God meant for good. Read Romans 8:28.
12. Share with your LOOP some key takeaways from the story of Joseph and his response to the trials in his life?
13. How is the story of Joseph similar to what Jesus did on the cross for us? Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them..." What the enemy was trying to do, Jesus turned into salvation for all.

### **Events coming up to mention:**

- Worldview Wednesdays - each Wednesday from 6:30 to 8pm.
- Journey Groups Begin February 25th. 13 weeks long and a great place to learn about living the Christian life and connect with others wanting to grow in their faith.
- Bible Trivia Night - February 25th at 6pm.
- Grief Share Groups Begin - March 5th

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