



Part 8: Joseph Goes to Jail

When we're young, we all have a vision of what we hope our life will look like: our careers, family, and lifestyle. Inevitably, we experience interruptions to these expectations. In this story of Joseph from the Old Testament, we take a look at a change in perspective that helps us make sense of our lives when they don't go according to plan.

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you most from Joseph's story on Sunday?
Looking at Joseph's journey, which of these experiences do you most identify with right now: betrayal, misunderstanding, disappointment, being overlooked, waiting, loss, or something else?
2. Read Genesis 50:15–21. What do you notice about Joseph's response to his brothers? What surprises you about his words or actions?
3. Joseph asks, "Am I in the place of God?" What do you think he means by that? Why is that question so important?
4. Joseph says, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good." How does this statement hold together both the reality of evil and the reality of God's sovereignty?
5. Have you ever experienced a season where you could only see God's purposes in hindsight? What helped you trust while you were still in the middle of it?
6. Joseph ultimately found significance in being part of something bigger than himself. Where do you see God inviting you to participate in something larger than your own comfort, success, or plans?

Moving Forward

The sermon connected Joseph's story to Jesus. Which parallels between Joseph and Jesus stood out to you most? What is one area of your life right now where you need to trust that God may be working for good, even if you cannot yet see the whole picture?