

STUDY GUIDE



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FAMILY DRAMA **10.17.21**

[set up]

Share about a time when God convicted you to forgive someone. How did you experience God's power to forgive someone else and what benefits did you experience?

[digging deeper]

Read the Story of Joseph. You can take the "long way" and read Genesis chapters 37, 39-50; the "medium way" by reading Genesis chapters 37, 41:39-46:4, 50; or the "short way" and read Genesis chapters 37; 45; 50.

Why did Joseph's brothers hate him so much? How would you divide the "faults" of who had responsibility in this family dynamic?

Can you relate to favoritism or jealousy doing damage in your family? if so, how?

Joseph had a very admirable perspective when it came to how he handled the reunion with his brothers. What stands out to you?

What would you have wanted to do if you were in his shoes with all the events that had happened in his life?

How is it possible that Joseph could forgive such a hurtful past with his brothers?

Why did the brothers make up the story at the end in Ch. 50? How have you seen fear create issues in your family?

It has been said of Joseph's story that he went, "From the pit, to prison, to the palace."

What have been some "pit" moments in your life and family? (betrayal, hurt, jealousy, etc.). How about "prison"? (falsely accused, forgotten, etc.). How about "palace"? (blessing, abundance, used by God, etc.)

How do you see God's hand in all that unfolded?

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One of the big takeaways in the story of Joseph is forgiveness. Do you have any unfinished business in the areas of forgiveness?

Look up a few verses that instruct us in the area of forgiveness. If you need any help, use this link: <https://www.openbible.info/topics/forgiveness>

[living it out]

Which verse on forgiveness or in Joseph's story helps motivate you to either ask for forgiveness from someone you hurt or to forgive someone who's hurt you?

Based on this study, and what God is placing on your heart, finish this sentence, "I will _____"

Share your answers with each other in your LifeGroup.

Take all that God has shown you today and convert to prayer.