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PART 4 VIDEO NOTES

Joseph's Story

- Joseph was the favorite son of Jacob (*Genesis 37:3*).
- Joseph's brothers sold him as a slave to a band of Ishmaelites (*Genesis 37:25-27*).
- Joseph was placed in charge of Potiphar's household and had success (*Genesis 39:1-6*).
- Potiphar's wife falsely accused Joseph, and he was thrown in prison (*Genesis 39:7-20*).

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- While he was in prison, Joseph interpreted the dreams of a cupbearer and baker (*Genesis 40: 5-23*).
- Joseph was called from prison to interpret Pharaoh's dreams (*Genesis 41:1-36*).
- Joseph was placed in charge of Pharaoh's palace and grain storage (*Genesis 41:37-43*).
- Joseph's brothers traveled to Egypt for grain during a famine (*Genesis 42:1-5*).
- While Joseph's brothers were in Egypt for grain during a famine, Joseph recognized them but kept his identity hidden (*Genesis 42:6-8*).

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU'VE GOT THE POWER AND YOUR WORDS DETERMINE THE DESTINY OF YOUR ENEMY?

- After some time, Joseph revealed himself to his brothers (*Genesis 45:1-7*).
- Joseph offered them food and shelter in Egypt (*Genesis 45:9-11*).
- Joseph's brothers were nervous after the death of their father (*Genesis 50:18-21*).

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. When you think about your ancestry, who in your family tree made a decision (for better or for worse) that has affected you?
2. What's the difference between justice and revenge? What makes revenge so appealing?
3. Have you or someone you know ever had a season of life when it felt like God had gone silent? With the perspective of time, can you see how God was working all along?
4. What are some practical things you can do to live like God is with you during seasons when it feels like he's not?
5. Have you ever ended up with power over someone who previously mistreated you? How did you respond? Do you wish you had responded differently?
6. When you have the power to determine the destiny of someone who has wronged you, your words will be stones you throw or stones you use to pave the way forward.
 - Talk about the legacy you want to leave if you ever find yourself with that kind of power.
 - What can you do now that will help you respond with words that pave the way forward?

THIS WEEK . . .

Bad things have been happening to good people for a long time. And God has been with those good people in those bad times. You will never experience the good that comes from the bad unless you recognize that God was with you during the bad and then refuse to play God when things are good.

PRAYER

God, in times of trouble, help me trust that you are with me. I want that kind of trust to grow into a strong foundation for our relationship. And I pray that it will make me kinder and more loving to other people . . . even those who wrong me.

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