



Joseph: experiencing
the God who rescues

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**Joseph vs the
brothers**

Genesis 37

●Has God spoken?

●Faith in the speaking God

[Hebrews 11, especially v22]

●God's purposes

●So how should we see the story of Joseph?

A—he trusted God

B—he was used to fulfil God's promises

C—he is an example of faith [Psalm 105v16-22]

D—his life points us forward...

‘When we collect the details of Joseph’s life we see a glorious reflection that closely mirrors another life we are so intimately familiar with. This is not because Joseph was Jesus’s favourite Bible hero he wanted to emulate. It is because God is sovereign and he has been laying the tracks for the glory of Christ throughout redemptive history.’

● **What a start! (v2-11)**

1. bad reports (v2)

2. Favouritism (v3-4)

3. He had a dream...or two

● **The obedient son (v12-17)**

●The plot to kill (v18)

●Judah the slave trader (v19-28)

●Deceiving the deceiver (v29-35)

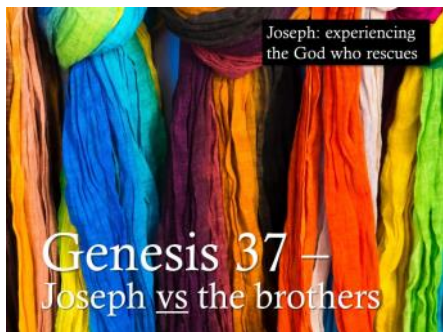
●From Canaan to Egypt (v36)

'You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.'

Genesis 50v20

Get thinking

Growth group questions



You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

1. How do you feel about the idea that God might be willing for you to go through real difficulties in order that greater good is done to you, or others?
2. Are you more concerned about obedience or happiness. Looking at the way you live your life, how is this shown?
3. Do you believe faithfulness to God will lead to a life of victory and success? If living for God is to be a blessing, how long are you prepared to wait?
4. How do you feel when God seems to use other 'less worthy' people than you, or even bless those who don't obey him? Is obedience worth it? Why?
5. Joseph obeyed those 'over him' even when it didn't make much sense or didn't seem right. When should you, and shouldn't you do the same in your workplace or family?
6. The story of Joseph challenges many of our presuppositions about life to the core. What will it mean for us to have hearts willing to listen and hear?
7. Jacob's family was particularly broken and dysfunctional. How does it feel to think that God was present and working even through all the brokenness?

These verses hit on some deep and potentially challenging issues. Pray for one another that we would all know grace and healing where it is needed.