

**Joseph Pt. 1: Overcoming Where You've Come From**

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**Genesis 37:1-11**

## Community Group Questions

- 1. ICE BREAKER:** What is difficult about trying to convince someone that they can overcome a challenging situation in their lives? If comfortable, share a time when you have had to do that.
- 2. Describe Canaanite culture. (IE: Leviticus 18:26-27, Psalm 106:36-38, Jeremiah 19:3-6)**
  1. How did living in Canaan form and shape Joseph's brothers? (Read how they took justice into their own hands for the Canaanites abusing their sister, Dinah - Genesis 34:25-31)
  2. Why do you imagine Joseph did not succumb to the pull of this Canaanite culture?
  3. How has your family story resembled Jacob's family?
- 3. As a father, in what ways do you think Jacob struggled as he saw his children reflect Canaanite culture more and more?**
  1. In your opinion, what should he have done?
  2. Share a strategy in your family to prevent "Canaan" from negatively influencing your children.
- 4. How have you personally had to overcome where you have come from?**
  1. Does it seem reasonable to blame present behavior on our past? Why/why not?
  2. Have you believed that you are unable to overcome habits, patterns, and traits in your life?
- 5. What is one thing God is asking you to stop doing, start doing, and/or keep doing?**
- 6. How did God use this message to teach, train, challenge, encourage, or equip you?**

***VCB Prayer Focus:*** Pray for our upcoming VBS. For a cohesive and united team, that final details and leaders for daily rotations will come together, and for decor week prep and finalization of details/leaders.

***VCE Prayer Focus:*** Pray that our students use their time this summer to make an impact for the kingdom.