

# **The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture**

## **Week 08: Family Drama**

### *Discussion Questions*

How does Joseph's thirteen-year journey from betrayal to prison to palace challenge our modern expectations for quick resolution to our struggles?

In what ways might God be preparing you through current difficulties for a purpose you cannot yet see, similar to how He prepared Joseph?

Jacob initially refused to let Benjamin go, holding tightly to control despite the dire circumstances. What areas of your life are you struggling to surrender to God's sovereignty?

Judah offered to bear the blame forever for Benjamin's safety. How does this sacrificial pledge foreshadow Christ's redemptive work, and how should it shape our willingness to bear burdens for others?

Jacob's prayer in Genesis 43:14 reflects both faith and resignation. How do we balance trusting God's goodness while accepting outcomes we cannot control?

The brothers were afraid even when being invited to dine with Joseph because of their guilty conscience. How does unresolved sin create unnecessary fear and anxiety in our relationship with God?

Proverbs 28:1 contrasts the fearful wicked with the bold righteous. What specific choices are you making now that will determine whether you live in freedom or constant fear?

Joseph's brothers did not recognize him even as their dreams were coming true before their eyes. What blessings or answered prayers might you be missing because they look different than expected?

The famine forced Jacob's family into a situation where they had to face their past and their estranged brother. How does God sometimes use pressure and crisis to bring about necessary reconciliation?

Over twenty years passed between Joseph's dreams and their fulfillment. How does this timeline encourage patience and faithfulness when God's promises seem delayed in your own life?