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**Genesis 37:1-11**



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What have you had to overcome in your life that stemmed from your family of origin? How has God helped you (or how is he helping you now) to overcome it?
2. What is one dream you had for your life when you were younger, or even now? Do you think it was from God or your own idea? How have you been able to (or not) fulfill it?



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Joseph's Unfortunate Events:

- Betrayed by his brothers (**Genesis 37:19-20**)
- Sold into slavery (**Genesis 37:26-36**)
- Falsely accused and arrested (**Genesis 39:7-21**)



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What unfortunate event(s) have you experienced lately?
2. Can you imagine some ways those events might be part of your journey toward your God-given destiny?
3. How can thinking of this time as your "bamboo years" change your perspective?



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**Genesis 39:2-3 & 20-23**



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. How did God's presence WITH Joseph (stated 3X in these verses) make a difference in these unfortunate events?
2. What do those verses say happened to Joseph as a result of God's presence with him?
3. Do you feel God is with you right now? What can you do to experience more of God's presence in your life?



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**Genesis 50:19-21**



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What would you have to do now in order to choose to get better, not bitter? Who do you need to forgive in order to get there?
2. How can you choose to live with a sense of destiny from God this week? To trust God and choose his dream for you over despair? Be specific.