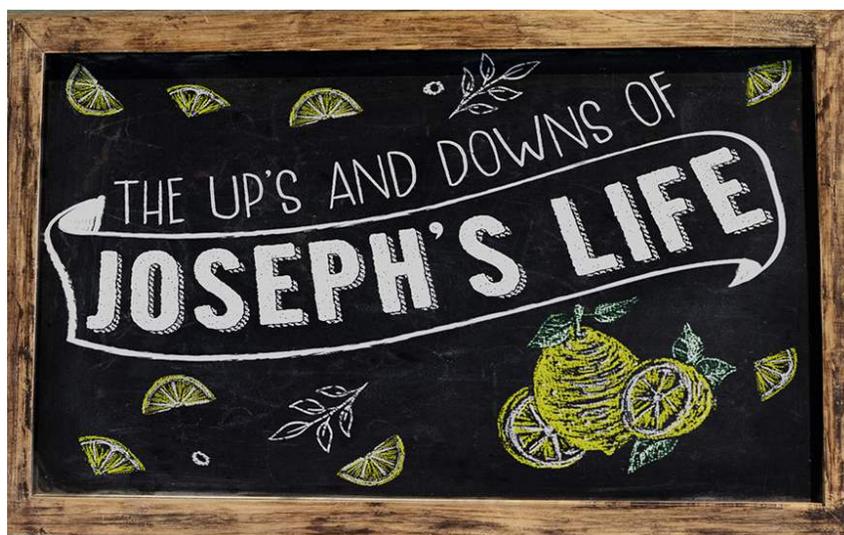


SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

FEBRUARY 26, 2023



ICEBREAKER

Are you a rodeo person? Who have you seen at the rodeo or who would you like to go see?

READ

Genesis 39:1-6a

QUESTIONS

- Based on this passage when did Joseph begin to observe God was with him?
- Genesis 39:2 says, "The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man." What instance in your life were you aware God was with you, and because of this, you were able to persevere through a situation?
- Joseph had a rough adventure losing his home and his family, yet despite the many lemons he took on, he did not allow his situation to derail his life. He did his best where he was. Share a story about how you overcame a bitter situation.

READ

Genesis 39:6b-9

QUESTIONS

- Based on this passage, what situations were beyond Joseph's power to change?
What was within his power to change?
- How was Joseph able to resist temptation? (He did not give in to his desires, He did not self-medicate with pleasure, He rested in the faithfulness of God, He entrusted himself to God's care)

READ

Genesis 39:19-20a

- What does this passage teach you about God's assistance in times of hardship? (God sees you and is with you, God knows what you need and will not forget you, Trust God and remain faithful even if the situation is not restored the way you envisioned it, Believe God can make the sweetest lemonade out of any lemons)

READ

Genesis 37:19; 20b-23

QUESTIONS

- When it rains it pours! Let's not pretend this was no big deal for Joseph. There is the loss of a job, loss of privilege, loss of reputation, and loss of freedom. Joseph had no control over the situation. It just happened. What does this passage say Joseph did? (He did the best he could with where he was at, He did not let his life get derailed and trusted God was with him)
- How can you depend on God in all circumstances? (God is not limited by your circumstances, Even if the circumstance is not what you want and not where you want to be - God is with you and will never forsake you, Link your circumstance with God's presence and blessing trusting God will provide for you)
- What rough spot in your life must you give to God and trust Him completely?

LEADERS: Palm Sunday Baptism will be on Thursday March 30 and Sunday April 2. Encourage people to sign up (rpc.me/baptism or westend.me/baptism) and plan to come and support them. Baptism is a great next step for someone to take to grow their relationship with Christ. You don't have to be a member of RPC|WE to be baptized.

CLOSE IN PRAYER: God, thank you for your goodness. Help us to trust your heart regardless of where we find ourselves. Even when we cannot see you at work God, remind us that You have not left and are continually working all things for our good. In Jesus' Name – Amen.