



Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis 37:18-36_39:1-10

Title: How God Builds a Man

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Discussion Starter – How would you describe the way God has used adversity in your own life to shape and build you into becoming more like Jesus?

Read Genesis 37:18-35

- 1) What was the plan in Genesis 37:18-22 that Joseph's brothers conspired against him as they saw him approaching their camp? Who do you think was the ring leader who came up with this plan? Why?
- 2) In your own words what bothered the brothers the most to conspire together with this act?
- 3) Why do you think Ruben opposed this plan? What was the problem with his response?
- 4) What message do you think the brothers were conveying to Joseph by stripping him of his tunic of many colors before tossing him in to the pit or cistern?
- 5) What unusual thing do the brothers do next after tossing Joseph into the pit?
- 6) What do you think inspired Judah to come up with his plan to sell Joseph as a slave?
- 7) What depraved and appalling things do the brother do next to cover up their sin to their father?
 - a. What does Judah's plan reveal to us about our own human nature? Read Romans 3:10-18 and 2nd Corinthians 10:12 to discuss insights.
 - b. As Christians, how are we to deal with our own sin nature? Read Ephesians 4:17:32. What are some of the key things to remember from this passage?

Read Genesis 37:36; 39:1-10

- 8) What six things do we see happening to Joseph that reveal he is a prophetic prefigure of King Jesus?
- 9) How might Joseph have questioned God's plan in his life, by allowing Joseph to be a slave and placing him in Potiphar's house? How does Joseph respond to this adversity?
- 10) How long do you think it took Joseph to become the overseer of Potiphar's house? What are some of the difficulties he might have had to overcome in his journey?
- 11) What are some of the things Potiphar noticed about Joseph, and how was he able to see God's hand on his life?
- 12) What three things do we see Joseph telling Potiphar's wife that enabled him to thrive in this adversity and explain why he would not have sex with her?
 - a. What are some of the things you have learned from this story about Joseph that you can better apply to your own life?