

Sermon: *The Roller Coaster of Life*
Series: *Joseph: Trusting the Goodness of God*

Scripture: Gen. 39:1-23
Date: February 23, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Why is it significant that God is called the LORD in this passage? (Read Exodus 3:11-15 to see God's explanation of his covenant name).

b) Read Gen 39:2 and 39:21 again. The Lord was with Joseph. What does this tell us about the character of God?

2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

a) For us, life is a roller coaster of ups and downs. Where have you felt like you're on a roller coaster lately?

b) God blessed Potiphar for Joseph's sake. How might this apply to your workplace, home, or community?

c) Re-read 39:8-10. When facing temptation Joseph considered what he had over what he did not have. What temptation have you been facing lately? How can you re-focus on what you have from God, rather than on what it seems God is withholding?

3) What does this passage teach us about salvation/grace? How does it point to Christ?

a) Read Romans 8:35-37. Will God ever abandon you? How does the gospel answer this question for you?

b) Joseph's story points us to a greater story, the story of Jesus. How? How does your story point to a greater story? How does it point to the story of Jesus?

APPLICATION

What is one thing that you will choose to believe from this passage? How will your life be different if you believe it?

PRAYER

Praise God for his unending presence in your life. Confess ways that you have failed to acknowledge his presence and goodness in your life. Ask God to use your story to point to Christ's story.