



Joseph:

- Called by God v. Favorized
- Compassionate v. Victimized
- Seen/Known by God v. Forgotten

Key Scripture

Gen. 37:1-11, Gen. 45:7-8
Gen. 37: 12-36, Gen. 39:1-23,
Gen. 45:1-18
Gen. 40:20-23, Gen. 41:1,
Gen. 41:39-40

Human Favor

- As you read Gen. 37:1-11 ... What kind of attitude do you think Joseph was tempted to have because of his father favoring him?
- Have you ever been tempted to elevate yourself because of the praise of others? Because of the abilities God has given you?
- Read Gen. 45:7-8. What was the real reason God gave Joseph the position and talents he had?
- How can we serve God and serve others with the position and abilities he has given to us?
- **God calls us and equips us not for us to lord it over others, but for us to serve God and others.**

Forgotten

- Gen. 40:20-23 and Gen. 41:1. Who forgot Joseph? How much time was he in prison as a result?
- Gen. 41:39-40. How did God deliver Joseph from prison?
- What is an example of a time when you felt forgotten? What do we learn from Joseph's story about how God sees people even when the rest of the world doesn't?

The Victim

- Gen. 37:12-36 and Gen. 39:1-23. What were the 2 major ways that Joseph was treated unfairly?
- Have there been times in your life when you were treated unfairly?
- Gen. 39:1-6. What was Joseph's response to being in slavery? What was God's response?
- Gen. 39:20-23. What was Joseph's response to being put in prison? What was God's response?
- Gen. 45:1-18. What was Joseph's response to his brothers years later?
- How did God's faithfulness in Joseph's life allow him to be compassionate to his abusers?
- **In every horrible situation Joseph found Himself in, God was there and eventually turned that situation into something beautiful.**
- As we look at the identity God gave to Joseph ... what do we learn about the identity God has given to us.