



**“GOD’S PRESENCE
IN EVERY SEASON”**

**LESSONS FROM
THE LIFE OF
JOSEPH – GENESIS
37-50**

Welcome to our study on Joseph. We will work through the story each week from January to March (with a few breaks for special services).

It is a story that is perhaps familiar to many due to Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.' We all know about the 'coat of many colours' but the story is much more than that.

We are given a window on Joseph's life from his teenage years to his death, from a dreamer to the Egyptian chancellor of the exchequer, from being rejected by his family to reunification, from being falsely accused, imprisoned, forgotten, to being restored.

In this story we perhaps see glimpses of our own lives, but the underlying theme is that through all these seasons of Joseph's life, God was there - just as he is with ours.

We welcome any feedback at the end of the series and any suggestions as to how it could be improved or done differently.

So enjoy the journey with us and the Elders pray God will enrich you through this study.

Each week there will be the designated scripture reading.

The preachers will treat the material differently, but we have included some main points and other references for consideration. Although we aim to record the message each week, these pointers will help you understand the chapter.

There are finally some questions for you to reflect on during the week, perhaps in your own quiet times or maybe you want to discuss them with others at Coffee Morning or after the Sunday Services.

INTRO

SESSION 1

Theme: Dreams Scripture: Genesis 37:1–11

Key Teaching Points:

God calls us even when we are young and untested.
Jealousy and dysfunction cannot erase God's plan.
God's dreams for us are bigger than our immediate circumstances.

Cross-References:

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Acts 2:17

Romans 8:28

Reflection Questions:

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. How does Joseph's story connect to our world today?
3. What is one way you can respond in faith this week?

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SESSION 2

Theme: Betrayal **Scripture: Genesis 37:12–36**

Key Teaching Points:

Betrayal wounds deeply, but God's presence is constant.
Human evil cannot defeat God's purposes.
God remembers us when others forget.

Cross-References:

Psalm 27:10

Isaiah 49:15–16

John 16:33

Discussion Guide:

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SESSION 3

Theme: Integrity **Scripture: Genesis 39:1–20**

Key Teaching Points:

Integrity is tested in private, unseen places.

Resisting temptation often comes with short-term cost but long-term blessing.

God honours faithfulness even when the world punishes it.

Cross-References:

Proverbs 4:23

Matthew 5:8

1 Corinthians 10:13

Discussion Guide:

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SESSION 4

Theme: Failure **Scripture: Genesis 39:21–40:23**

Key Teaching Points:

God's presence is not limited by our circumstances.

Human forgetfulness does not equal divine abandonment.

Waiting shapes character.

Cross-References:

Psalm 13:1–6

Hebrews 13:5

James 1:2–4

Discussion Guide:

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SESSION 5

Theme: Success **Scripture: Genesis 41:1–40**

Key Teaching Points:

God's timing is perfect, even after years of waiting.

Humility in leadership—Joseph points to God, not himself.

God prepares us through trials for greater service.

Cross-References:

Psalm 75:6–7

Daniel 2:27–28

1 Peter 5:6

Discussion Guide:

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SESSION 6

Theme: Stewardship. Scripture: Genesis 41:41–57

Key Teaching Points:

Wise stewardship can save lives.

God calls us to prepare for and respond to crises.

God's people can be a blessing to the nations.

Cross-References:

Proverbs 6:6–8

Matthew 25:14–30

Galatians 6:9–10

Discussion Guide:

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SESSION 7

Theme: Ancestry **Scripture: Genesis 42:1–38**

Key Teaching Points:

God does not ignore unresolved sin and wounds.

Facing the past is part of healing.

God leads us toward reconciliation.

Cross-References:

Numbers 32:23

Matthew 5:23–24

1 John 1:9

Discussion Guide:

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SESSION 8

Theme: Testing Scripture: Genesis 43:1–34, 44:1–34

Key Teaching Points:

Testing reveals true character.

Transformation is possible even for those who once betrayed.

God refines His people through trials.

Cross-References:

Psalm 66:10–12

James 1:2–4

1 Peter 1:6–7

Discussion Guide:

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SESSION 9

Theme: Grace Scripture: Genesis 45:1–28

Key Teaching Points:

Grace transforms broken relationships.

Forgiveness is costly but freeing.

God's purposes are bigger than human failure.

Cross-References:

Matthew 18:21–22

Luke 15:20–24

Colossians 3:13

Discussion Guide:

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SESSION 10

Theme: Faith Scripture Genesis 46:1-34

Key Teaching Points:

Faith requires listening to God

Faith means going where God sends

God's plan is bigger than ours

Cross-References:

Matthew 17:20

Hebrews 11:1-2

Hebrews 11:21

Discussion Guide:

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SESSION 11

Theme: Community Scripture: Genesis 47:1–31

Key Teaching Points:

God's people can be faithful outside their comfort zone.
Faith must be lived out in any culture.
We are called to be distinct yet engaged.

Cross-References:

Jeremiah 29:4–7
1 Peter 2:11–12
Hebrews 11:13–16

Discussion Guide:

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SESSION 12

Theme: Blessing Scripture: Genesis 48:1-21, 49:1-33

Key Teaching Points:

God plans works differently to ours

The coming of the Messiah is evident in Genesis.

God loves to bless his children

Cross-References:

Numbers 24:17

Luke 24:51

Gal 3:14

Discussion Guide:

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SESSION 13

Theme: Suffering Scripture: Genesis 50:1–21

Key Teaching Points:

God redeems human evil.

Suffering can serve God's greater purposes.

God's providence brings hope in tragedy.

Cross-References:

Romans 8:28

Acts 2:23

Philippians 1:12–14

Discussion Guide:

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SESSION 14

Theme: Legacy Scripture: Genesis 50:22-26

Key Teaching Points:

Our legacy is measured in faith, not achievements.
God's promises extend beyond our lifetimes.
Faith prepares the next generation to trust God.

Cross-References:

Hebrews 11:22
Psalm 78:4-7
2 Timothy 1:5

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