

Read the third chapter from The Story (pgs 23-34) or Genesis 37-50 in one sitting. Consider doing the reflection questions on three separate days to put space between your learning and allow for better and deeper retention. If three separate reflection times aren't practical, you may choose to read and answer all three days' questions in one extended personal devotional time.

Day One

1. Joseph had dreams of his own greatness (page 22 summary and page 23 or Genesis 37:1-11). Do you think Joseph was at all responsible for the animosity his brothers felt toward him? Why or why not?

2. Potiphar's household, a jail (page 25 or Genesis 39), and ultimately all of Egypt (page 27 or Genesis 41:41) were better off because of Joseph's willingness to be God's servant wherever he found himself. How do you bring God's blessing where you live and work? What is a way you could be even more of God's servant?

Day Two

1. Joseph had to take extreme measures to avoid sinning with Potiphar's wife (page 25 or Genesis 39). Have you ever done something for the sake of purity or justice that only God understood? Is there something like that you need to do now?

2. Anticipating the famine, God provided for the people of Egypt by commanding restraint in their consumption and storing up for the future (pages 26-27 or Genesis 41). What principles can you extract for how God might be directing you to prepare for your future?

Day Three

1. Joseph had every reason to be bitter, yet he did not take vengeance (page 33 or Genesis 50:15-21). What beliefs helped Joseph not lash out at his brothers (page 34 or Genesis 50:15-21)? How can Joseph's story help you show grace?

2. Joseph's family found they could live contentedly with God in a foreign land even though they'd been promised something else (page 34 or Genesis 50:22-26). What analogies can you make to our lives today?