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SERIES: The Story Begins (Gospel Project)

SERMON 11: "...But God Meant It for Good"

TEXT: Genesis 37-50

DATE: November 26/27, 2016

The story of Joseph guides us to wonder about _____
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3 Observations About Suffering Well From Joseph's Life

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Jacob's relationship with his sons was complicated and created resentment between Joseph and the rest of sons, how has your family of origins effected you?
3. Have you ever had a big dream that like Joseph, when you shared upset people?
4. Do you think Joseph's brothers felt better after they through him in the pit?
5. What do you think they felt?
6. At the end of Joseph's life and his journey through suffering, he was able to see God's hand present with him through it all. What would it look like to view our lives trusting that God will bring good from evil?
7. What does suffering produce in our lives?
8. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply.

Family Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important not to hold grudges, especially in our family?
2. How can studying the Bible and praying together help us be patient with and forgive one another?
3. What are some challenges our family has faced that have drawn us closer together and closer to God?

CHRIST CONNECTION

Joseph suffered unjustly and was later exalted to a place of prominence. In a similar manner, Jesus suffered unjustly and was later raised from the dead and exalted as Lord of the world.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What can stop God's plan?