

Life Group Discussion Guide

RESETTING THE BAR
Genesis 47:1-12, 50:19-25
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INTRODUCTION

Jesus made it clear that we are to obey God. “Then he said to them all, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23 NIV)

When we obey God, these critical life decisions have far-reaching consequences on our lives as well as on the lives of our children, grandchildren, and other descendants. Often, following God’s plan could mean we are to step out in faith and take a risk. If God calls us to another location or another job, we must go where He leads despite the risks.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. What is a habit you stopped in the past or would like to stop right now? Why are bad habits so hard to quit?
2. Are you someone who is opposed to doing things a new way or do you embrace change? Why or why not?

EVALUATE IT

1. Why is forgiveness so difficult? Why is it appropriate not only to forgive those who have wronged us but also to serve them?
2. Read Genesis 47:1-12. Joseph ensures his family is cared for. How is his approach to getting what he wanted different than his forefathers? How is this a change in the cycle for this family?
3. Read Genesis 50:15-21. Why are Joseph’s brothers worried and offer to be his slaves? Why is this reset of the family ways of doing things so difficult for them to grasp?
4. Read Genesis 50:19-21. How does Joseph’s story reveal the truth of verses 20? How can these verses serve as an encouragement to someone who is currently suffering?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. After spend six weeks with Joseph, what characteristic of his life would you like to make a part of yours? Do you need to learn one of the many lessons Joseph learned?
2. Like Joseph's brothers, is there anyone in your world who is unworthy of your forgiveness, but is in great need of it?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as unsolvable problems."

- Charles R. Swindoll



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