

**This week...**

**Reflections**

**Monday** Genesis 39:3-4 “*When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant.*”

We have learned so much of how God blessed, equipped and used Joseph to touch the lives of millions of people. As a person of favor, what have you learned about yourself and how God uses you among those with whom you have contact?

**Tuesday** Genesis 39:9-10 “*‘My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?’ And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.*”

Joseph was also a man of integrity, as demonstrated in this account of his life. What have you learned about yourself and integrity as you studied Joseph? How would you compare your temptation to sacrifice integrity to the challenges Joseph met?

**Wednesday** Genesis 40:14-15 “*‘But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. For I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon.’*”

“*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see*”, Hebrews 11:1. Are you able to understand how Joseph was a man of hope even when the doors seemed to slam shut on his expectations? What might be required of you to develop a more certain foundation of hope in the face of darkness and overwhelming odds?

**Thursday** Genesis 43:16 “*When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, ‘Take these men to my house, slaughter an animal and prepare dinner; they are to eat with me at noon.’*”

“*Grace*” is defined as unmerited or undeserved favor. God’s disposition toward us is colored throughout with grace. We said that Joseph was a man of grace, because he treated and rewarded his brothers in a very unexpected way. Are you able to recall those times that you have been a person of grace towards those who were undeserving? Is there someone in your life right now from whom you have been withholding grace? What would God have you do about that?

**Friday** Genesis 45:4-5 “*Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come close to me.’ When they had done so, he said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.’*”

According to God, what is forgiveness? Is there anyone who would struggle to describe you as a person of forgiveness? What should you do about that? If the Lord forgives you as you forgive others, how forgiven are you?

Pray that you will give permission to the Holy Spirit to shape you into someone who brightly displays the character and quality of Jesus, and be willing to do whatever is necessary that others see the Lord at work in and through you.