



# THE LORD'S CHURCH

## Study Guide and Reflection Questions for Lesson 3

**Genesis 37 – Genesis 50 (THE ENTIRE STORY); The Lesson focuses on Genesis 37; 39, 40, 41 and 42.**

1. **FAMILY FEUD:** Read Genesis 37: 18-28. Why is family favoritism a no no? We shouldn't one favor a child / person over another as parents or otherwise - why?
  - a. *Remember: God loves us ALL equally... He is NO RESPECTOR of person*
2. **FALSELY ACCUSED** – Lied on! See Genesis 39:14.
  - a. Why are lies and persecution so difficult to handle? *Even though God said 'many are the afflictions of the righteous and God will deliver us out of them all; the Word also says that they that live Godly shall suffer persecution!*
3. **FORGETFUL FRIEND:** See Gen. 39:37 – 40; 41:16. Even though the Cupbearer forgot about Joseph - over 2 years actually
  - a. Why do you think God allowed that? Consider the scriptures: *Your gift will make room for you - Proverbs 18:16 and Promotion comes from God - Psalm 75: 6-7*
4. **FAMILY REUNION:** Family reunions are not an American idea but a GOD IDEA! God wants to restore our families and bring reconciliation.
  - a. What does 1 Cor. 5:20 mean to you as it relates to your family? What about Acts 1:8 - to be a witness in Jerusalem (where we live) first? Lastly, read Isaiah 58:12 and explore what that could be for you as a champion for your family to "repair the breach."
5. **FAMINE:** There was Famine for Food supply in Genesis - Here Joseph was clearly a businessman - with the dream - saving up and building operational resources for the future of loss. The famine in Egypt and surrounding areas like Caanan was so severe - they sold their land, cattle and then themselves to survive but never touched the PRIEST; and established the principle of TITHING - sowing seed for harvest from that point on. Also- Joseph gave to his haters (family) to 'live'...
  - a. *How does this speak to you about savings, sowing/reaping and giving (blessing) those who hurt us - including family?*
6. **FAITHFUL GOD:** Joseph's sons' names represented His journey: A faithful God causing him to FORGET (Manasseh) ~ notice this is 1<sup>st</sup> and see Phil 3:13; to FRUITFULNESS (Ephraim). See Matthew 21:18-22; Mark 11: 12-14; The Fruit of the Spirit is the Character of God.
  - a. *So why is forgetting the Hurt before the Fruitful? And why is the overall goal of God is for us to lead a fruitful life? See Galatians 5:22. Therefore, to be like Him is to be FRUITFUL.*