Genesis 37:1-11

 **Learning To Move With God**

1. The story of Joseph sets up the story of Jesus.

*Jacob(Israel) lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.* **Genesis 37:1**

1. Arrogance and tactlessness lead to hurt for others and yourself.

*Now Israel loved Joseph more than his other sons…and made an ornate robe for him…Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more.* **Genesis 37:3,5**

1. God’s plans are for HIS glory not ours.

*I had another dream, and this time the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.* **Genesis 37:9**

1. We find purpose and mission when we participate in God’s redemptive plan for the world.

*…his father kept the matter in mind.* **Genesis 37:11**

January 3, 2016

Action

**Begin each morning with this prayer:**

*Lord, you are my God*

 *I will seek your glory,*

*I will bless those with my blessings,*

*And I will do right no matter the cost.*

*Amen*

**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

Who or when do you lack tact in your relationships? What has been the result?

When was a time when you wanted to get all the credit instead of give it to God?

What purpose have you found in life? Doe it move with God?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Romans 12:1-2**
* **Tuesday John 6:38-40**
* **Wednesday 1 John 2:16-17**
* **Thursday Hebrews 13:20-21**
* **Friday Matthew 7:21-23**
* **Saturday Matthew 6:10**

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**Hebrews 4:12**

Genesis 39:1-7

**Take Initiative**

1. We play victim to our circumstances instead of seeing opportunity.

*Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.* **Genesis 39:1**

1. God wants to redeem even the worst circumstance.

*The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.* **Genesis 39:2**

1. Don’t wait-Initiate!!!

*Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.* **Genesis 39:4**

1. Bless other people with the talents God has given you!

*The blessing of the Lord was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field.* **Genesis 39:5**

January 10, 2016

Action

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 *I will seek your glory,*

*I will bless those with my blessings,*

*And I will do right no matter the cost.*

*Amen*

**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

When have you played victim to your circumstances?

Where have you seen God work in your struggle?

What did you do to move beyond the struggle?

How have your talents blessed other people?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Colossians 3:23**
* **Tuesday Proverbs 13:4**
* **Wednesday Philippians 4:13**
* **Thursday 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12**
* **Friday Proverbs 14:23**
* **Saturday Philippians 2:14-15**

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**Hebrews 4:12**

Genesis 39:6b-23

**How To Beat Temptation**

1. There will always be something or someone to tempt you.

*Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!”* **Genesis 39:6b-7**

1. See the good things you have going for you.

M*y 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?”* ***G*enesis 39:9**

1. Run from temptation!

*She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.* **Genesis 39:12**

1. A clear conscience makes way for constant relationship.

*But while Joseph was there in the prison, the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.* **Genesis 39:20-21**

January 17, 2016

Action

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*I will bless those with my blessings,*

*And I will do right no matter the cost.*

*Amen*

**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

When have you been tempted to compromise your integrity?

When have you felt like you were being cheated in life? Look back on that time-what did you have going for you?

What is it like when we have a clear conscience?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday James 1:13-18**
* **Tuesday Luke 22:40**
* **Wednesday 1 Corinthians 10:13**
* **Thursday James 4:1-4**
* **Friday Proverbs 7:1-4**
* **Saturday Proverbs 7:21-27**

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**Hebrews 4:12**

Genesis 41:25-44

**Time To Let Go**

1. We suffer from major control issues.

*Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was none who could interpret them to Pharaoh.* **Genesis 41:8**

1. God is ultimately in control of everything.

*God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do.*

**Genesis 41:25**

1. God cares and is faithful to us.

*Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt.* **Genesis 41:33**

1. Give up control and be used by God.

*And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See I have set you over all the land of Egypt.”* **Genesis 41:41**

January 24, 2016

Action

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*Lord, you are my God*

 *I will seek your glory,*

*I will bless those with my blessings,*

*And I will do right no matter the cost.*

*Amen*

**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

What area of your life to you try to control more than others?

What will it takes for you to acknowledge God’s sovereignty?

Where do you think God wants to use you?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Psalm 135:6**
* **Tuesday Isaiah 46:10**
* **Wednesday Daniel 4:35**
* **Thursday Romans 9:19-21**
* **Friday Luke 1:37**
* **Saturday Job 42:2**

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**Hebrews 4:12**

**Forgiveness**

1. An unnatural response to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh’s household heard about it.* **Genesis 45:2**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will flow from forgiveness.

*Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified in his presence.* **Genesis 45:3**

1. When we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God, no matter the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we are capable of greater things than we could ever imagine.

*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.* **Genesis 45:5**

1. True \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will bring about a heartfelt response.

*And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.* **Genesis 45:15**

Genesis 45:1-15

January 31, 2016

Action

**Begin each morning with this prayer:**

*Lord, you are my God*

 *I will seek your glory,*

*I will bless those with my blessings,*

*And I will do right no matter the cost.*

*Amen*

**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

Who are you unwilling to forgive and why?

God forgives you no matter the crime, why are you sometimes unwilling to forgive others?

Who do you need to reconcile with?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Mark 11:25**
* **Tuesday 1 John 1:9**
* **Wednesday Matthew 18:21-22**
* **Thursday James 5:16**
* **Friday Luke 6:37**
* **Saturday Psalm 103:10-14**

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