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The Hall of Faith ~ Hebrews 11

“Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...” Hebrews 12:2

1. Read **Hebrews 11:22**. The full account of Joseph’s life is given in chapters 37 and 39-50 in the book of Genesis. If you are unfamiliar with it please take some time to read through these chapters.
2. Through Joseph’s life, what is evident about God and His relationship with Joseph?
3. Why do you think God gave Joseph the dreams related to his calling in his teen years?
4. As you think about your own history, can you chronicle events where you can see God’s fingerprints on your life?

5. As Joseph was en-route to Egypt as a slave, what do you think might have been some of his thoughts?

“Just because circumstances don’t look like a plan, it doesn’t mean there isn’t one.”
Bob Cull

6. Read the Scriptures below and write out the truths found in them.

Job 23:8-11 ~

Isaiah 43:2 ~

Jeremiah 29:11 ~

7. Read **Genesis 39:1-6**. What was evident about Joseph’s life in this difficult trial?

8. How does this account of success differ from the world's view of success?
9. In **Genesis 39:7-20**, Joseph faced temptation and false accusation. Why do you think he was able to remain faithful to God and do the right thing?
10. In light of **1 Corinthians 10:13**, **2 Corinthians 5:7**, and **Jude 24**, why are Christians not to lose faith or stumble because of difficult circumstances?
11. Are you facing difficult trials or circumstances today? How do the following Scriptures encourage you to walk by faith and not by sight?

Psalm 36:5 ~

1 Corinthians 1:9 ~

2 Thessalonians 3:3 ~

2 Timothy 2:13 ~

Hebrews 10:23 ~

Hebrews 13:5b ~

"Joseph had no control over his circumstances, and yet he was every step of the way exactly where God wanted him to be." Bob Cull

12. Read **Genesis 39:20-23**. What did the Lord do for Joseph in this trial upon trial?

13. Can you share with your group how God's mercy and grace was very present and strengthened you in a past trial?

- 14.** From **Genesis 40**, what character traits do you see revealed in Joseph?
- 15.** Why is it important not to focus on ourselves, even in the midst of a very difficult situation? Can you find a Scripture to support your answer?
- 16.** How can you use the trials and tests that you face as a witnessing tool?
- 17.** In **Genesis 40:23**, we see that the butler forgot Joseph. Why should we not put our trust in others for deliverance but in God alone? Support your answer with Scripture.

*In **Genesis 41**, we see God's plan unfold and the fulfillment of the dreams so long ago given to Joseph. It is important to remember that if God wills it, everything can change in a moment of time.*

18. Read **James 1:2-7**. How should you view trials or tests and with what attitudes should you view them?

19. Write out **Romans 8:28**.

20. What is significant about the words *know*, *all*, and *together*?

21. In what ways did the Lord use the trials Joseph faced to accomplish His purposes not only in Joseph's life but in the lives of many others?

26. How can you now walk by faith in the midst of difficult circumstances?