

Series — Storyline

Message #1: Living a Great Story



Notes

Community Group Questions

1. What is your favorite movie of all time?
 - How many times have you watched it?
 - Why do you love it so much?
 - What emotions do you feel when you watch it?
2. Donald Miller defines a story in the following way: A story is a character who wants something and has to overcome conflict to get it.
 - Why do all great stories include conflict and struggle?
 - Why do you think we are drawn to these types of stories?
 - Why do you think we resist these same stories in our own lives?
3. Have someone in your group give a brief summary of Joseph's story.
 - Identify the positive and negative turns in his story.
 - What do you think Joseph is feeling at each turn.
4. Read the portion of Joseph's story found in Genesis 39:1-23
 - What does verse 2 and 21 have in common?
 - What does it mean to you that God was with Joseph in the negative turns of his story?
5. Read Genesis 50:15-21.
 - God brought good from the brothers' evil deed, Potiphar's wife's false accusation, the cupbearer's neglect, and seven years of famine.
 - Is it difficult for you to believe He will do the same in your difficult situations? Why or why not?
6. Read Romans 8:28.
 - What confidence does this verse give you?
 - How have you seen God bring something good out of a bad situation?
7. What's your next step today?

Next Steps

- Take ownership of your story.
- Positive turn: be grateful, faithful, and prepared.
- Negative turn: Acknowledge it is only a small part of your story and God intends it for good.
- Look for all the ways God is weaving your story into the redemptive story He is writing in the world.