



No Greater Joy
June 9 | Weekly Devotionals

OPEN WITH PRAYER.

Begin this devotional exercise by finding a quiet place to spend time with God in his Word. Before reading, pray that the Holy Spirit will open your eyes and heart to what God wants to say through his Word.

READ Genesis 37, 39-45.

- Read Genesis 37, 39-45 once through. What observations do you have from these texts? Who is speaking? Who is being spoken to? What challenges does Joseph face in these chapters? Jot everything you notice in the space below.
- Now, read these texts a second time, noting what you think the central theme of the passages is. What is God trying to teach through Joseph's experiences? Write that in the space below.

- Read the passages through one last time. Pray to God for any final takeaways from this third and final reading. What applications does this have for you personally?

REFLECT.

- How does Joseph's response to being sold into slavery by his brothers (Genesis 37) and later rising to power in Egypt (Genesis 41) show his character? What can we learn from his reactions?
- Re-read Genesis 45:4-5, where Joseph forgives his brothers. What does true forgiveness look like according to this example? How does Joseph's forgiveness challenge you personally in your own life of faith? Explain.
- In what ways are you challenged to maintain faith and forgiveness when wronged by those close to you, similar to Joseph's experience with his brothers?
- How would you describe your ability to forgive family members who have hurt you? What steps can you take towards reconciliation and healing, as Joseph did?

PRAY THROUGH GENESIS 37, 39-45.

Take anything you reflected on above and pray that to God. Next, take a moment to stew on the story of Joseph one last time. Simply read the passages and then paraphrase them in your own words as a prayer to God. Use the ideas, vocabulary, etc., found in those passages to form your personal prayer.