

## THE TRUE AND BETTER JOSEPH

Jesus in the Rearview Mirror

Joseph, the beloved son- Genesis 37:3  
Jesus, the true beloved Son- Matthew 3:17

### 1. Trust God when life doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ - He's working more than you can see

Joseph was hated by his brothers- Genesis 37:4

Jesus' own did not receive Him- John 1:11

Joseph was betrayed and sold- Genesis 37:28

Jesus betrayed for silver- Matthew 26:14-15

∴ Bring your pain to Jesus- He \_\_\_\_\_ it

### 2. Trust God when suffering feels \_\_\_\_\_ - He's closer than you think

Joseph- falsely accused, forgotten, imprisoned;

Jesus- falsely accused, forsaken, crucified

Joseph suffered \_\_\_\_\_ of others' sin;

Jesus suffered \_\_\_\_\_ others' sin

Joseph kept serving while suffering;

Jesus served, even from the cross

∴ Because Jesus was abandoned, I don't ever \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Trust God is writing a bigger story- He's doing \_\_\_\_\_ than you imagine

Joseph is exalted, becomes a source of life & saves those who rejected him

Jesus is resurrected, is the Bread of Life & saves those who rejected him

∴ Because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_, you can have hope

∴ Because Jesus gives grace, you can \_\_\_\_\_

## Life Group Questions for the Week of June 14, 2026

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Joseph was a beloved son. Before Joseph ever did anything significant, he was loved by his father. Read Matthew 3:16-17. Jesus lived from the Father's approval, not for it. How is that different from the way most people approach life?
3. Joseph continued serving others while he was suffering. Jesus did the same. Read Genesis 40:5-8; 2 Corinthians 4:7-10; 1 Peter 3:15; Romans 5:3-5. Why do you think hope during suffering is such a powerful witness to others? Who has influenced your faith because they demonstrated hope during a difficult season?
4. Joseph became the source of bread during a famine. Jesus is the Bread of Life (John 6:35). What are some common ways people try to satisfy the deeper hunger of their souls? Why do those things ultimately fail to satisfy? How have you personally experienced Jesus meeting a deeper need than anything else could?
5. Read Genesis 50:19-21; Luke 23:34, Ephesians 4:32; Romans 5:8. Joseph forgave the brothers who betrayed him. Jesus forgave the people who crucified Him. Why is forgiveness often so difficult? What's the difference between forgiveness and pretending the hurt never happened? How does remembering God's grace toward us make it easier to extend grace to others?
6. Joseph provided physical bread; Jesus provides spiritual life. God asks in Isaiah 55:2, "Why spend... on what does not satisfy?" What are some "false sources of bread" people turn to instead of Jesus?
7. Joseph's brothers didn't recognize him at first. What are some ways people today misunderstand or fail to recognize who Jesus truly is? Who is Jesus to you personally—not just intellectually?