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SERMON GUIDE

NO PERFECT PLACE

Genesis 39:1-7 | Pastor Tim Prince

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- Scripture that stands out to you while you read
- Observations you are making about a passage
- Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: When in your life have you experienced your plans going terribly wrong, and yet it turned out to be good in the end? Tell the story.

Notes About the Passage: Joseph's story is a major step along the road of God fulfilling his promise to Abraham that he would be the forefather of a great nation. Abraham is the father of Isaac. Isaac is the father of Jacob. Jacob had 12 sons, including Joseph (his favorite) and Judah (whom Jesus would come through). In this passage, Joseph finds himself in Egypt because his brothers were jealous of him, they plotted against him, and they eventually devised a plan to sell him into slavery. Joseph was then brought out of the land of Canaan and into Egypt and eventually sold to the house of a very wealthy, powerful, and influential man, Potiphar.

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S: What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: In verse 2 it says, "The Lord was with Joseph." List all the ways you can see in this passage that God was with him.

O: What are your thoughts about God choosing to prosper and show favor to an individual? Does this bring up any questions for you about how God works?

O: Verse 5 says that the Egyptian's house was blessed because of and for the sake of Joseph. What do you think about the fact that the blessing upon Joseph's and all the excellent work that he was accomplishing spilled out onto and benefited another household? How might this reality be an encouragement to you, your family, and your family of faith?

A: If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

A: When you see the prosperity of Joseph's life and how God prospered in all his is there any level of jealousy or disappointment in the things God doesn't seem to be blessing in your life? How does that jealousy affect your relationships and actions?

A: Is there a specific relationship or situation in your life where you did not choose the person who has popped up in your life or the place you find yourself? What specific actions can you take, like Joseph, to be honorable and make the best of the relationship or circumstances God has placed before?

P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide the direction that you need.