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THE **LIES** WE BELIEVE
AND THE **TRUTH** WE
FORGET

**LIE: GOD IS NOT GOOD,
BECAUSE MY LIFE IS
(CURRENTLY) BAD**

**TRUTH: GOD USES THE
BAD TO MAKE MY LIFE
GREAT_**

IN ALL OF THE JUNK IN JOSEPH'S
STORY WE READ: "THE LORD WAS
WITH JOSEPH.." (Gen. 39:3, 23).

**SHARE WITH THE
GROUP....**



READ OUTLOUD

19 But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? **20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good** to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. **21** So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. (Gen 50:19-21)

When has life pulled you down and things were hard? What was the circumstance and did you sense God was with you or not?

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READ Gen. 41:37-40

Joseph went from a pit to prison and spent 13 years of his life wondering if the dreams he had as a kid would ever come to pass. Finally, in this passage, the tides change.

1. What made Joseph different than everyone else? (v. 38)
2. What position did Pharaoh give him? (v. 40)
3. Why do you think Joseph had to go through all of that before God positioned him?
4. What do you think of this phrase: "Bad things didn't happen *to me*, they happened *for me*?"

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Let's
P.R.A.Y.

Lament is a prayer practice that encourages us to tell God how we really feel. As awkward as it can be, finish your time taking turns praying through Psalm 142:1-5 line by line.

DIRECTIONS: Insert your name into the prayer. Pray through this as many times as needed so that everyone has a chance to insert their name into the prayer.

- 1 **[Your name here]** cries aloud to the Lord;
[Your name here] lifts up my voice to the Lord for mercy.
- 2 **[Your name here]** pours out before him my complaint;
before him **[put your name here]** tells my trouble.
- 3 When my spirit grows faint within me,
it is you who watch over my way.
In the path where **[your name here]** walks
people have hidden a snare for me.
- 4 Look and see, there is no one at my right hand;
no one is concerned for me.
[Your name here] has no refuge;
no one cares for my life.
- 5 I cry to you, Lord;
[Your name here] says, "You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living."