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## LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

### GENESIS 50:19-20

Lean In

1. What do you think are important characteristics of a leader? How is a leader different from a manager?

Look Down

Read Genesis 41:41-49; 50:19-20

2. Joseph was taken away forcibly from his father as a lad (read story in Gen. 37:12-36), and then put in prison for a false accusation (story in Gen. 39:1-23). What motivated him to live a humble, clean and holy life? See Gen. 39:2-6. What emotions could have easily taken over his life and quenched God's love for Him?
3. What Godly leadership traits do you see in Joseph in the following situations?
  - a. When pursued by Potiphar's wife – see Gen. 39:9c; 1 Peter 1:16
  - b. While in prison. See Gen. 40:6-8; Phil. 2:4
  - c. When he stood before Pharaoh to interpret his dreams. See Gen. 41:15-16,25,28,32; Pv 3:5-6
  - d. When in charge of Egypt. See Gen. 41:46-49; James 1:5
4. With reference to Romans 5:3-4, how do you think Joseph's difficulties shaped his character? Give examples of his perseverance, character and hope. What is a condition for these traits to be produced in us? See Genesis 50:19-20; Hebrews 11:6; Romans 8:28
5. According to Gen. 41:16, 25, what confidence did Joseph have to interpret Pharaoh's dreams, in spite of the risk of being killed, given Pharaoh's severe punishments (refer to Gen. 40:22)
6. How did the Lord Jesus, our perfect Leader and example, endure hardships while on earth? See Hebrews 12:2-3. What lessons are we to learn?
7. According to 2 Cor. 1:3-11
  - a. What aspects of God's character did Paul give praise to? See v. 3
  - b. What did Paul see as his responsibility when God comforted him in his troubles? See v.4b; What spiritual lessons did the Corinthians learn from his sufferings? See v. 6
  - c. What part were the Corinthians to play and with what result? See v. 11
  - d. What do we learn from Paul about his relationship with God? See v. 9

Look Out

What characteristics describe a person who has spoken hope and a vision into your life?

Look In

8. If you are going through suffering at this time, or are living in the consequences of past hardships and hurts, what have you learnt from Joseph's life that you can apply to your situation? What promises can you claim?
9. Is obedience to God leading you to take some risks or are you limiting God from working in and through you? Pray for one another
10. **What is God speaking to you regarding your responsibility of being a leader in the following sphere of influence:**

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- a. At home
  - b. At work
  - c. At church
  - d. At school