

MEMORY VERSE: JOB 23:10-11 NLT

¹⁰ “But he knows where I am going. And when he tests me, I will come out as pure as gold.”¹¹ For I have stayed on God’s paths; I have followed his ways and not turned aside.

*****Remember to listen to this week's sermon, review the Sermon Notes Sheet and complete the discussion questions before attending your Connexion Group.**

INTRODUCTION:

Recovery efforts for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria extensive and major. Dozens of communities are in the process of rebuilding and making their infrastructure better than it was before the storms. When life storms are over, how we respond, directly affects how we recover. In this week’s sermon, we discussed Joseph’s recovery efforts and how they led to reconciliation and a stronger connection with God and His plan.

GROUP LESSON DISCUSSION

1. What was most helpful, encouraging, or challenging from this week’s sermon?

2. The last time Joseph saw his brothers, they had thrown him into a pit and were selling him as a slave. He had begged for mercy and received none. He was powerless and they had him outnumbered. What could have been going through his mind and heart during this current encounter?
 - a. If you had been in Joseph’s shoes, how might you have responded when faced with your brothers asking you to provide for them in their time of need?”

3. It is possible to stop the generational cycle of alcoholism, abuse, neglect, greed, or a thousand other sins. It is possible, through the power of the living God, to say, "It stops with me! I will not pass this on to the next generation!"
 - a. What is one pattern, behavior, or sin in your family history that you do not want to see passed on to the next generation?
 - b. What steps can you take to stop this pattern from poisoning your children?
 - c. How can your connection group members pray for you and support you as you seek to break the cycle in this generation?"
4. What practical steps can we take to move toward a healed and reconciled relationship with people who have hurt us?
 - a. What is one specific step of reconciliation you believe God wants you to take with a family member or friend who has hurt you?
 - b. When will you take this step, and how can your group members keep you accountable to follow through?"
5. What did you learn about Joseph's view of God from the way that he responded to his brothers?