Hope In Suffering
Not Alone – Part 1
Genesis 37:1–11,18–36

- **When Suffering Leaves You With <u>Questions</u>, Let God's Goodness Lead You To <u>Hope</u>.**

<u>Why</u> is this happening to me?

"'*Listen to this dream,' he said*" Genesis 37:6 (p.31)

Instead Ask: <u>How</u> can I trust God while going through this?

- God is good (Psalm 34:8)

- God is faithful (Lamentations 3:22-23)

- God is near to the brokenhearted (Psalm 34:18)

- God promises deep emotional comfort (Zephaniah 3:17)

God, <u>where</u> are you?

"*When Joseph's brothers saw him coming…they made plans to kill him…'Then we'll see what becomes of his dreams.'*" Genesis 37:18-20 (p.31)

Instead Ask: God, <u>how</u> can I grow closer to you through this?

God, <u>how</u> do I get out of this?

"*Meanwhile, the Midianite traders arrived in Egypt, where they sold Joseph to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Potiphar was captain of the palace guard.*" Genesis 37:36 (p.32)

Instead Ask: God, <u>what</u> do you want me to learn through this?

"*The Lord was with Joseph…*" Genesis 39:2 (p.33)

"*Don't be afraid for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.*" Isaiah 41:10 (p.548)

Series Memory Verse: "*For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.*" Philippians 4:13 (p.901)

My Next Step This Week: Flip one question every day this week and let God's goodness write the answer in your heart.

"*You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.*" Genesis 50:20 (p.43)