



## Faith|Full Week 2 - Joseph

Pastor Jeff Little | November 16-17

### WARM UP

What's a favorite technology you use to make something convenient or quick (e.g. door dash, amazon prime delivery, video streaming, etc.)?

### INTRODUCTION

We're in week 2 of our Faith-Full series, and we're looking at the story of Joseph. What we learn from Joseph is that developing faith is never quick or easy. You can't "door dash" your faith—you have to do the hard work of developing faith in your life, often through trials. Today we're going to talk about how you can develop deep-rooted faith in God like Joseph.

### KEY VERSE

**Hebrews 11:22 (NIV)** – By faith, Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

### DISCUSSION

*These questions are a guide. Please select the ones that will work best for your group. You do not have to go through them all.*

- What was your greatest takeaway from the message?
- **Read Hebrews 11:22.** Joseph looked forward to events that would take place 400 years in the future. What was Joseph focused on at the end of his life? What do we learn from this?
- Joseph faced adversity throughout his life—he was betrayed, despised by those close to him, falsely accused, overlooked, and wrongly punished. Have you ever faced any of the trials Joseph faced? How did you respond?
- **One lesson we learn from Joseph is to trust God for promotion.** How do you know if you're promoting yourself versus trusting God for promotion? What are signs of someone who is self-promoting?
- Do you ever try to promote yourself? Why?
- How can we learn to trust God for promotion?
- **A second lesson we learn from Joseph is to run from temptation.** Why is running from temptation important? What does sin do to our faith?
- Tell us about a time when you fell to temptation, and what did that do to your life?
- Tell us about a time you ran from temptation, and how did that affect your life?
- **A final lesson we learn from Joseph is to forgive even the greatest offenses.** How was Joseph able to forgive his brothers even though they sold him into slavery? (Read Genesis 50:19-20.)
- How can unforgiveness rob us of faith?
- What do we learn about forgiveness from Joseph's story?

### APPLICATION

Is there someone in your life you need to forgive? Who is it, and what will you do this week about it?

### PRAYER

- Pray for anyone who responded to the application question above.
- Pray that everyone in your group would grow in their faith, trust God, run from temptation, and release forgiveness to others.
- Take prayer requests, and pray for any needs in the group.