



Part Two: God Trusted

Genesis 39 - 41

1. Life's not Fair.

-Genesis 39:1 - 20, Genesis 40:23

2. How can I Cope?

-Genesis 39:2, 9, 21, Genesis 40:8

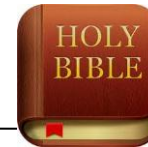
3. Why Should I Try?

-James 1:2, Romans 5:3 - 5

Unfair situations are spiritual opportunities.

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Talking it over (use this for discussion around your community group):

- Have someone in your group read (or summarize) the main passage for today.
- Describe a time that you were falsely accused of something. Why do you think you were falsely accused? Was there "reasonable suspicion"? What happened with the situation; were you punished or not?
- Can you think of a recent story in the news of someone who was falsely accused and exonerated? What was the situation?
- If you've been punished for something you didn't do, how did you deal with it? Were you angry? Did you fight back? Did you take legal action?
- Has there been a time (times?) that life seemed unfair to you? How did you cope with it? How is your life altered because of it?
- What role did God play (if any) in that unfair situation? Do you think He caused it or allowed it? Or do you think He wasn't even involved?

Digging Deeper (if you still have time, or for further study later, go through these questions):

- Share about a time that you went through difficulties and you grew from it or became better because of it. How did that happen for you?
- Do you think God has a plan for our lives? How can we know what that plan is? (or can we even know it?)
- Is it static or dynamic? (in other words, do we have to work to follow only one path, or does it change with our lives?)
- How would you describe God's plan for your life as it now appears?
- Would you say that you live in agreement with God's plan for you, or that you've altered it or fought against it?
- What are you doing to understand God's plan better? What do you need to do to understand God's plan better?
- Re-read through your notes. Review the main points and read the Scripture references that are provided for you.**

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