

# THE RESPONSE OF A LIFETIME

## PART 1: GOD OF THE PIT

Our responses to life's circumstances shape our story and set the stage for what comes next. In that way, our ability to respond—our respond-ability—is our superpower. It empowers you to choose your way forward.

### CONNECT

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

### LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week as a reminder of what you talked about today.

### APPLY

After the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Have you ever had seasons where it felt like no one was looking out for you?
2. Have you ever been tempted to believe or had seasons where you have believed that if God is with you, things should work out for you? How does Genesis 39:2 stand in contrast to that perspective?
3. Joseph trusted God even when there was no proof that things would get better. What makes it hard to trust God when you can't see what he's doing? How do you hold on to faith when there's little evidence that he's working?
4. Read Genesis 39:2. If you fully believed the Lord was with you—at work, at home, or in a tough situation—how would that change your attitude or decisions this week?

### BEFORE NEXT TIME

This series will be going through the life of Joseph. His story is documented in **Genesis 37–50**. Read a couple of chapters this week and make some observations about Joseph's respond-ability to share with the group next time.

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## PRAY

Pray together as a group, thanking God for the faith of Joseph that we can learn from today. Ask God to help you recognize situations where you can exercise your responsibility, even if it feels as though he isn't there.