

THE RESPONSE OF A LIFETIME

PART 2: BAD TO BADDER

When life feels unfair and God seems silent, it's easy to assume he's absent. In Joseph's story, we see what it looks like to stay faithful even when everything goes from bad to worse.

CONNECT

If you read Genesis 37–50, what stood out to you from Joseph's life?

Think about a time when you felt like life was unfair or when you were doing the right thing, but things still fell apart. How did you typically respond in that season?

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 sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. What do you notice about how often Joseph loses control of his situation despite doing the right thing?
2. Like Joseph, have you ever had a moment where you did the unexpected and refused to allow circumstances to dictate your actions? What happened?
3. Why do you think Joseph refused to let circumstances dictate his behavior?
4. Where are you currently tempted to react instead of respond?
5. What would it look like for you to “respond as if God is with you” this week—even if nothing changes externally?

BEFORE NEXT TIME

This week, identify one situation where you're tempted to react out of frustration, fear, or disappointment. Pause, and instead, choose to respond as if God is with you in that exact moment.

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PRAY

Heavenly Father, when life feels unfair and you seem distant, remind us that you're still near. Give us the courage to trust you like Joseph did—to respond with faith instead of frustration. Help us to live as if you're with us, even when we can't see how the story ends. Amen.