

THE RESPONSE OF A LIFETIME

PART 3: TURNING TIDES

Joseph trusted God when he had nothing—and he trusted God when he had everything. The real question isn't whether God is with us, but whether we'll live like we still need him when we no longer feel desperate.

CONNECT

Describe a moment in your life when things finally started going your way, and it felt like you could breathe again.

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. Why do you think power and success can make it harder to depend on God?
2. Think about Joseph's story up to this point. Do you think this moment might be an even greater test for Joseph than the years he spent waiting? Why or why not?
3. In your own life, where does it feel like "you're holding all the cards," or "all the cards are against you"?
4. When things are going well, what's most likely to drift: your gratitude, your dependence, or your humility?

BEFORE NEXT TIME

Take time to reflect on a season when things finally worked out for you—relationally, financially, or professionally. How did that season change the way you prayed, trusted, or made decisions?

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PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for being with us in the waiting, the struggle, and the success. When things feel out of control, help us trust you. And when we are in control, remind us that we still need you. Give us the humility to credit you, the wisdom to use what we've been given well, and the courage to reflect you when our influence grows. This week, help us live like you are with us—no matter where we find ourselves. Amen.