

# STRONGMEN AND Legacy Makers

## *A Man's Journey to fulfill God's Purpose ...Genesis 50*

*"Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." Genesis 50: 19-20 (NKJV)*

### Words of Wisdom

*"When we experience unjust evil, we must look for God who is able to bring about incredible good."  
~Dr. Tony Evans*

#### **1. God can develop character in unconventional ways...**

*Scripture: Isaiah 55: 8-9*

#### **2. Setting the Scene...**

*Scripture: Genesis 30*

#### **3. Joseph's character development...**

• The Dreamer...

• Genesis 37

• The Slave and Prisoner...

• Genesis 39: 2-6, 21-23

• Jeremiah 18: 1-6

• The Governor of Egypt...

• Genesis 41

#### **4. God's Purpose Fulfilled...**

• God used Joseph to save Israel

• Genesis 47: 11-12, 27, 50: 19-20, Acts 7: 9-10, Romans 8: 28

From the Word

# Group Discussion

1. Would you describe Joseph as a "Strong Man" or a "Legacy Maker"? Explain...

2. In Genesis 39, Joseph *fled* and *ran* from sin, yet was imprisoned. Have you experienced a time when you responded correctly, but the outcome was unjust?

- How did you react? What were your initial thoughts?
- Have you since then reflected on that time and now have different perspective?
- At this point in your journey of character development, what advice would you give a person going through challenges?

3. In our previous study of Mordecai, we discussed the importance of recognizing our "*for such a time as this*" moment. Esther became Queen to save her people; Joseph is sold as a slave to Egypt only to rise in power so that he may save his family and many people. How are you responding to your journey to fulfill God's purpose?

4. What did you hear or learn from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

# Prayer

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

*(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)*

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

*Discuss your answer with your group...*

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)