

**Discussion / Reflection Guide -- “Facing Temptation”**  
**Week of February 18, 2018**

**Read Gen. 39:2-18; Gen. 45:4-5; 50:20-21; 1 Cor. 10:12-14**

- God had a special plan for Joseph and so blessed him in a special way (Gen. 39:2-6). Have you ever had similar “seasons” of life where you have received amazing blessings from God?
- In the midst of Joseph’s “season” of blessing, he experienced a terrible turn of events in which his world was dumped upside down (Gen. 39:7-20). Have you ever had a similar disastrous “season” in your life?
- Some years later, Joseph was able to see how God had brought about good in the midst of the bad (Gen. 45:4-5; 50:20-21). If you have gone through a difficult time, are you past it now? If so, can you see some ways God has brought good through your tough times? If you are still in the middle of the difficult times, does Joseph’s story encourage you?
- Joseph’s temptation in Gen. 39 is one which is common for a lot of people regardless of their age (Joseph was about 28 years old – see Gen. 41:1, 46). What steps did he take to help him resist the temptation (Gen. 39:7-12)?
- Our temptations may be much different than the ones Joseph faced, but we all face temptations. What lessons can you learn from Joseph to help you resist your own temptations? Does the passage in 1 Corinthians 10:12-14 provide you with additional helps?
- What is the biggest lesson you see in the story of Joseph’s temptation? How can you apply that lesson to your own life?