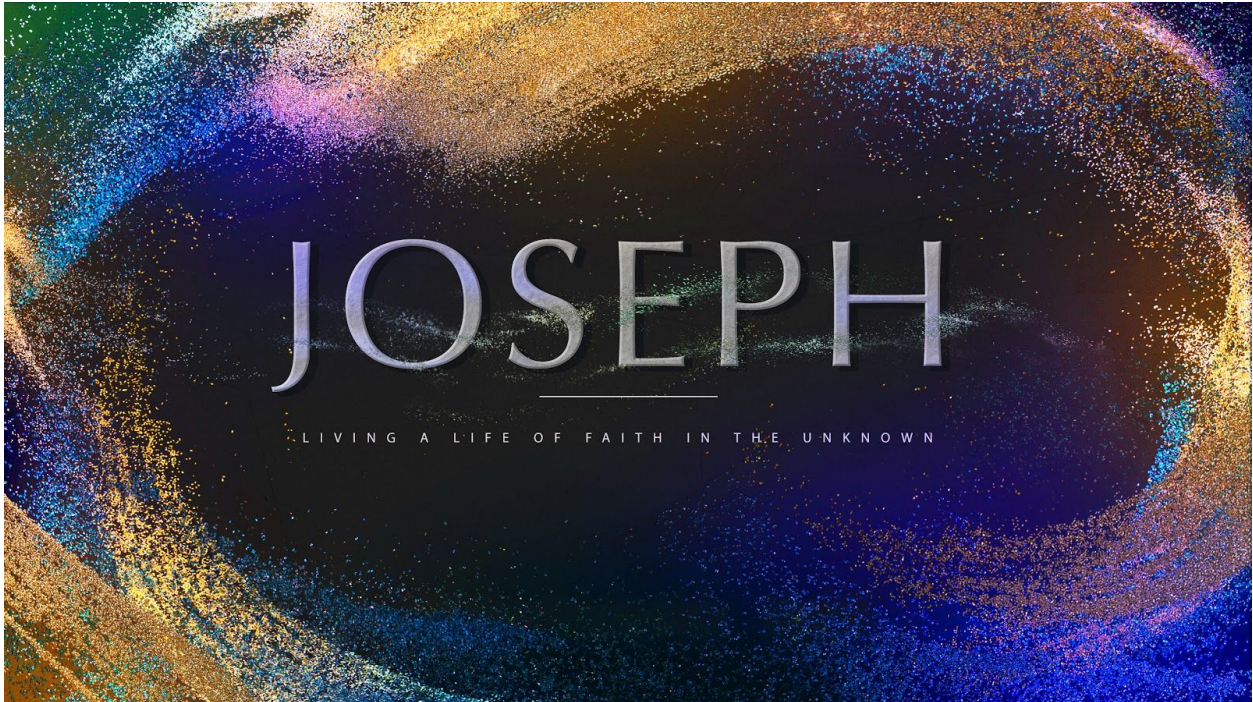


## Application Questions



# Forgiveness & Reconciliation

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Joseph finds a way to forgive and move forward with a relationship with the very brothers who sold him into slavery. The ability to forgive didn't come from the raw character of Joseph, but rather core beliefs about God. What we believe about God will fuel our obedience to forgive.

Read Genesis 44-45

1. Conversation starter: Would You Rather.... Would you rather need to ask for forgiveness or be asked to give it? Why did you choose the answer?
  2. Did you grow up (or currently operate) in a family that asked forgiveness or just said "I'm sorry"? Do you see a significant difference?
  3. When you forgive, you carry the burden away and remove it from the offender. In light of this, how do you read Psalm 103:12?
  4. Which of the following places the most significant hurdle to forgive for you?
    - a. Trusting the wisdom of God in the circumstance
    - b. Trusting the justice of God towards the offender
    - c. Trusting the sovereignty of God in your pain
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5. In order to truly forgive, there needs to be an overwhelming trust in God. What does it say about our belief in him when we have a pattern of holding grudges?
  6. On the other hand, what does it say about our belief in God when we're able to forgive freely in  
1) his example and 2) obedience to him?
  7. Is there anyone in your life you need to go and ask for forgiveness?
  8. Is there anyone in your life that you need to extend forgiveness to, even if they haven't asked?
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