

## **FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE...GEN.39:17-23**

### **"The Troubles We Face"**

#### **REFLECT:**

Most of us live by a 'code of ethics', in this code we believe in fairness, and we believe hopefully that nice guys, Christian guys and gals will finish first. We believe when someone does right, they should be rewarded and when someone does wrong they should be punished...most of us live by this code. Once that code is not lived up too, it can throw us off course, it can cause us to retreat or be bitter and angry. Joseph was one of those guys, like you, he told his brothers the truth, but his brothers didn't believe him. Someone also said something untrue about him and it ruined his life and reputation. In spite of all this mistreatment, Joseph did not give up, he didn't retreat, he weathered the storm, he weathered the trial he was in. Eventually success came His way.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1) Joseph and Jesus suffered for doing good, both were punished for the good they did. Jesus and Joseph never lied, they were men of integrity, yet they suffered injustice. What has happened in your life or situation, were someone lied about you, hurt your reputation, and none of it was true like with Jesus and Joseph? What kind of reaction, did you have and why? Compare it to Jesus, and Joseph response.

2) Joseph didn't agree with his situation of being in prison. But he submitted and made the most of it, and in that he made others around him look good. Talk about the situations, or relationships that you have been in and you didn't agree with. Did you submit and made the best of it? Talk about that time. Or did you rebel and stirred up a hornet's nest. Talk about that time. Is there a time to submit, and a time to rebel? Talk about when that time would be.

3) Since this was a family service, and the kids were in listening. What kind of discussion did you have with your kids. What were some key things brought out and remembered by them. What were the key things you brought up, that ministered to you.