



REWRITING GOD'S FUTURE OVER OUR FAMILY HURTS

The story of Joseph is woven together with the stories of 3 previous generations of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And just like our own family we see the dreams and callings God gave to each of those generations and we see the dysfunctions that have been passed down. God will use both of these in the life of Joseph to bring about His very good plan. Like Joseph, we all have a story that is woven together by God through the triumphs and hurts of life.

The enemy wants us to write our story as if God is angry and absent. But the life of Joseph reminds us that God is present, active and working to bring about good. We will experience evil and we have to call it that. But surrendered to God, His good plans can be brought forth. In the midst of family challenges, God writes a dream about Joseph's future. Likewise, God has plans for our life and can turn the hurts we have into His future as we surrender to Him.

REMEMBER

Take a few moments to remember where you have seen God at work this week?

What opportunities did He open up for you?

Where were the moments He surprised you?

What were the reminders of His love? Express all of those in a prayer of gratitude.

REVIEW

READ GENESIS 37:1-11

What blessings were part of Joseph's young life?

What hardships and hurts did Joseph face as a boy through his family?

What were the reactions of others to Joseph's dreams?

How was God rewriting Joseph's family experience through the hope of dreams.

REWRITE

What blessings and benefits did you receive from your family?

What hardships and hurts did you have to wrestle with because of your family?

What generational family patterns do you need to surrender to Jesus and ask God to help you stop in your generation?

What dreams did you have as a child?

What passions/interests do you recognize in your life?

What gifts has God endowed you with that make your life feel meaningful and purposeful?

REFLECT

Write a prayer asking God to reveal even more to you about his activity in your past and in your family. Invite the Holy Spirit to help you rewrite His good future over your past.