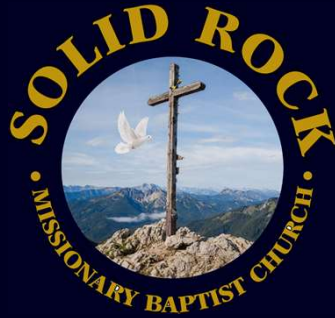
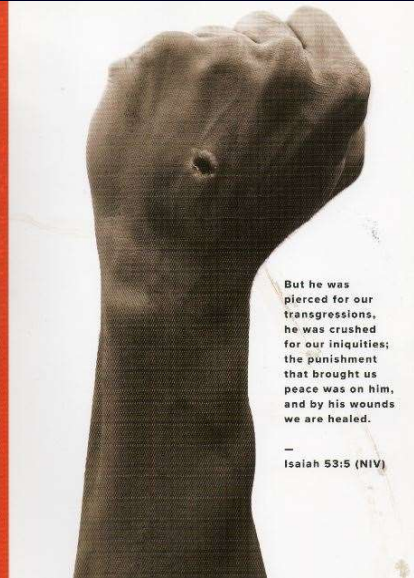


# SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



**TRUTH, JUSTICE,  
AND POWER** THE JESUS WAY



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## Study Schedule June – July 2020

Date	Topic	Scriptures
6/3/2020	Depend On God	Genesis 39:1- 6, 16 – 23
6/10/2020	Making A Bold Move	Number 27:1 – 11
6/17/2020	God's Justice and The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1 – 10
6/24/2020	Seeking Salvation and Choosing Compassion	Luke 10:25 – 37
7/1/2020	Break	No Study
7/8/2020	Worship Anchors My Soul	John 4:7 – 24
7/15/2020	Share the Good News	Mark 5:1 – 19
7/22/2020	Protection: Who's Got Your Back?	I Samuel 19:1 – 7
7/29/2020	Faithful: Advancing The Good News	Acts 18:1 – 4, 18 – 26



## This Week's Lesson – June 3, 2020

### Truth, Justice and Power – The Jesus Way

#### Lesson 1:

#### Depend On God

Genesis 39:1- 6, 16 – 23



**Group Discussion: How should we as Christians deal with people (especially family members) who mistreat us?**

- Surrender your hurt feelings to Lord in prayer - handing over all these feelings to Him ( 1 Pet. 5:7) .
- Ask the Lord for the grace to forgive those who've hurt you – just He has forgiven you (Matt. 6:12).
- Look for opportunities to have an honest conversation to resolve the issues (Matt. 18:15).
- Wait patiently on the Lord, who will righteously to judge every person (Rom. 12:19).



## Introduction to Genesis

**Author:** Traditionally, the author has always been assumed to have been Moses.

**Date of Writing:** likely 1440 - 1400 B.C.

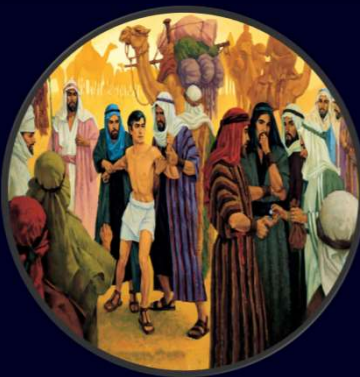
**Purpose of Writing:** Genesis introduces core teachings creation, the fall of man, sin, salvation, grace and many more...

### Practical Application:

- The overriding theme of Genesis is God's eternal existence and His creation of the world.
- All people, regardless race or nationality, are accountable to the Creator for our sins.
- Through one small nation, Israel, God's redemptive plan is revealed and made available to all - in Christ. We rejoice in that plan.



## Overview of Joseph's Life - Genesis 37, 39



Joseph Sold Into  
Slavery By His  
Brothers



Joseph Falsely  
Accused By  
Potiphar's Wife



God's Favors  
Joseph While In  
Prison

## Read Genesis 39:1- 6, 16 – 23

1. What was Potiphar's relationship to the pharaoh of Egypt?

- **A Man of Prominence**: He's an Egyptian who has made it to the Palace of the Pharaoh (Good Govt job).
- **A Man of Power**: He is the captain of the Guard of Pharaoh – having authority and people under him.
- **A Man with Provision(s)**: Obviously he is well paid and trusted by Pharaoh.

**Note: Even in the most difficult and unfair situations God still has a way to position us with people of influence.**



2. From what group of people did Potiphar buy Joseph?

- Joseph Was 1<sup>st</sup> Sold Out - By His own family members – the people closest to him.
- Joseph Was Sold In To Slavery – By his brothers to the Ishmaelites – foreigners for some coins...
- Joseph Was Sold Toward His Destiny – Potiphar bought Joseph and into his house and into God's plan.

*Note: All things will work for the good – even when they don't look or feel good when we trust in God. (Rom 8:38).*



3. How do you think Joseph felt being betrayed by his brothers?

- Disappointed – Sometimes our greatest troubles come from those closest to us.
- Despair - The uncertainty of the future – especially slavery in a foreign land.
- Determined – To honor, trust and serve God and even to forgive his brothers.

*Note: Joseph's life (as well as ours) mirrors the Life of Christ – betrayed by His own people yet He forgave ...(Luke 23:34)*



4. What is the meaning of the phrase “The Lord was with Joseph (v. 5)?

- God’s Presence - Even in midst of ungodly people God is still with Joseph.
- God’s Protection - Although surrounded by people with a different language/culture, Joseph is under God’s Protection.
- God’s Power and Provision – Joseph gets God’s favor – even from the very people enslaving Him.

*Note: No matter how difficult things get in life – Jesus never ever leaves us.*



5. How did Potiphar’s household receive a blessing because of Joseph?

- God’s Favor Touched Joseph: God’s Hand of Favor is upon Joseph – even in foreign land.
- Joseph’s Favor Touched His Work: God’s favor upon Joseph’s faithful work makes a difference.
- God’s/Joseph’s Work Touched Potiphar’s House: One Godly person can make a difference in Godless society

*Note: God’s blessings and favor can find us – not matter where we are.*



6. Do you think Potiphar believed his wife's accusation against Joseph?

- **He Responded Angrily:** Not wanting to lose Joseph – a valuable servant, because of his wife.
- **He Responded With Leniency:** Normally, a person accused of Rape of an Egyptian official's wife would be executed.
- **He Responded With Charity:** Potiphar places Joseph in a prison with those associated with the King.

*Note: God uses the evil decision of others and controls the hearts of leaders – moving them to accomplish His will.*



7. List the characteristics Joseph had that helped him to maintain his composure when he was lied about?

**Joseph's Characteristics:**

- **Integrity:** Consistent Godly and Moral behavior.
- **Faithfulness:** Joseph faith in God doesn't change in the good and bad times.
- **Trust:** Strong trust in God's will and goodness.
- **Patience:** Willing to wait on the Lord's timing to make a change in my situation



8. How can we continue to trust God at times when it feels like more bad than good is happening to us?

- **Talk to the Lord:** Take all of our issues – great or small to the Lord in Prayer.
- **Hear From the Lord:** Read God's Word to remind ourselves of His Power, Promises and Purposes for us.
- **Worship The Lord:** Sing Praise to God – by yourself and with others. Stay connected to other believers and to the Church.



### *Keys For Living*

- Being a child of God does not exempt us from facing unfair hardships. However, God will use these troubles for our good and His glory.
- Even in the most difficult times and circumstances, the Lord is always with us even when we may not feel it.
- Just as Jesus forgave from the cross – God will give us the grace to forgive those who have wronged us.

