

# { Dinnertime Devotionals }



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**Weekly Theme:** Joseph: Part 5

**Verse #1:** Genesis 39:19-20

(I use the ESV Bible for these devotionals. Questions are based on that text.)

**All Ages Discussion Starter:** Quick review: What happened to Joseph in our series of study last week?

Do you think that Potiphar had a reason to doubt his wife? Why do you think he believed her without even investigating or questioning Joseph?

**Verse #2:** Genesis 39:21

**All Age Discussion Starter:** Did God stop this injustice from happening to Joseph? What did God do to help Joseph when this happened to him?

How does God help us today when hard times come? Will He directly intervene to keep things from happening?

How can we work as a family to build a relationship with God that will endure through good times and tough times?

**Verse #3:** Genesis 39:22-23

**All Age Discussion Starter:** What similarity can you see between the trust of the jailer and the trust that Potiphar originally showed for Joseph? They are almost identical aren't they? Everything was entrusted to Joseph and the jailer didn't even worry about checking up on Joseph because he knew it would get done and that God was with Joseph.

What lessons does this teach us about how we should conduct ourselves at home with our family, at school, and at work?

**Verse #4:** Genesis 40:1-4

**All Age Discussion Starter:** Today, most people wind up going before a judge before they go to jail. Back then, who had the authority to jail people? Was there a trial for the baker and butler? What does the text say they did wrong?

Our justice system isn't perfect but it is a blessing to live in a country where we have laws that establish order and reason.

God's law is perfect and we will all stand before Him one day. How are you preparing for this?

**Verse #5:** Genesis 40:5-8

**All Age Discussion Starter:** No matter what place Joseph finds himself he is striving to live for and bring honor to God. When the baker and butler had dreams that troubled them Joseph offered to interpret them and gave credit to God who is the interpreter of dreams.

No matter where we find ourselves in life we have the choice to bring honor and glory to God or to bring shame to Him. Which do you choose?