Epic Tales
Tales of Hope
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'Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.'– Genesis 37:3-4

The story of Joseph is the _____ narrative in the Old Testament covering _____ chapters.

Joseph's story is important because it tells of how God's people ended up in _____.

Joseph is one of ____ sons of Jacob.

Jacob would be known as _____ and his 12 sons are the beginnings of the ___ tribes of Israel.

Jacob gave Joseph a _____ which set him apart from his brothers as the _____.

The story of Joseph shows us that whatever _____ you are in, you can find _____.

God had _____ Joseph from the literal dead end of a pit and put him in a place of power and authority.

Joseph did not hit a _____ point and then things kept getting better and better. His life was full of _____.

God did ____ promise to keep us out of storms, but he ____ promise to be with us in them.

3 ways to find hope in times of loss and despair

1. _____

   You need to slow down enough to _____ when you see something on the road ahead.

2. Turn your lights on _____.

   You have to deal with what is in _____ of you and then move on.

3. Keep your eyes on the _____ line.

   For us, the white line is _____!

The story of Joseph not only tells us we can have _____ in times of loss, but there can be _____ in the pain we go through.

Reflect on these questions this week:

- Look back at your life to this point. What valleys and peaks do you see? Where do you see God in those instances?
- Where did you see Joseph's willingness to go slow in this passage? How might you go slowly in whatever you are going through?
- What is right in front of you now that you need to focus on instead of looking way ahead?
- How can you refocus on the 'white line' in your life (Jesus) to help you through whatever trial you are going through?