

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?