



# FAMILY IMPRESSIONS



Impressing the Love of Jesus on Every Heart in Every Home Every Day

## GENESIS 37-41: JOSEPH & DREAMS

### LISTEN

**Talk** about your day. Check-in to see how everyone is doing. Share blessings and challenges. This will help you connect God's word to your daily lives.

**Read** Genesis 37-41 at your own pace.

### LEARN

**Discuss** what you've read. Begin with any of your own observations or questions. Discuss the questions for each chapter. Conclude with Luther's Four Questions (bottom).

**Genesis 37** A/D – We should bring bad reports about others. What sin did Jacob commit (just as his parents)? How did Joseph's brothers feel about the favoritism? Were they sinning? Describe Joseph's two dreams. What did they mean? How did his family react to the dreams? A/D – God speaks to us through dreams. What did the brothers plan to do to Joseph? What did they end up doing? Which brother spoke up for Joseph? How can we defend others? How did the brothers cover up their sin? Which commandments were broken in this section? How have you broken those commandments? How did Jesus keep them?

**Genesis 38** What sin did Onan commit? Tamar? Judah? What sexual sins are prevalent in our world today? Perez becomes the ancestor of Jesus – why would God do that?

**Genesis 39** Where did Joseph end up? How did God bless him? A/D – God always uses hardship for blessing. How did Potiphar's wife tempt Joseph? How did he respond? What happened to Joseph for doing the right thing? What should we do when falsely accused? How did God continue to bless Joseph?

**Genesis 40** What two servant of the king (Pharaoh) ended up in jail with Joseph? Describe the dream of each. What did each dream mean? How was Joseph able to interpret the dreams? How does God want us to use the skills he has given us?

**Genesis 41** Describe Pharaoh's dream. How did Pharaoh hear about Joseph interpreting dreams? How did the cupbearer keep the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment? How can you? What did Pharaoh's dream mean? What plan did Joseph suggest? A/D – Joseph was trying to create a job for himself. How did God again bless Joseph? Why did God bless him so richly? How and why has God blessed you so richly? Note the names of Joseph's two sons.

### Luther's Four Questions

1. *What does this teach you about God?*
2. *What sin does this lead you to personally confess?*
3. *How does this point us to Jesus?*
4. *What does God want us to believe or do as we think about this?*

## LOVE

**Pray** from what you learned:

I Praise you God because you are ...  
Forgive me because I am (or I have) ...  
Thank you, Jesus, for ...  
Help me ...

Add any other prayers for self, family or others and the Lord's Prayer.

**Memorize** God's Word by repeating together. Do one passage/section each day until memorized. Then move on to the next passage. You may not learn all the passages; that's OK. You can learn more in the future.

**Genesis 39:9** How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?

**The Fifth Commandment** You shall not murder. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

**The Sixth Commandment** You shall not commit adultery. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

**The Eighth Commandment** You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

**Bless** each other with God's name:

The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look on you with favor  
† and give you peace. Amen.