

## How Do I Start?

Welcome to **day 3** of our 21 days of prayer and fasting! Buckle up! We are covering a lot of ground today. The story of Joseph. There is certainly a great deal we could say about these passages. Countless books have been written and sermons preached on this story. I want to point out three things before you read this passage. 1. God's sovereignty is unstoppable. He perfectly designed every element of this story to fit his plan. 2. God's grace is undeniable. Joseph's family members were not good people. They were downright evil in many cases. (See Genesis 38 as additional evidence) Yet God called them to be His chosen people. 3. Hindsight is 20/20. We often can't see how God prepared us for today until we look back. That perspective gives us confidence for tomorrow. As an "older" congregation, our church family should be full of people with that kind of perspective about God who are using their experience to invest in the generations coming behind them.

### Things to pray about today:

1. Forgiveness is a huge part of Joseph's story. Who do you need to forgive?
2. Lord teach me to rest in your sovereignty. Teach me to trust your plan even when it's not how I want it to be.
3. Search my heart and remove anything that hinders me from participating in your plan.

## Today's Reading - Genesis 37, 39-46

Read the passage for today and write down anything that stood out to you. God primarily speaks through His word, so, if something "jumped off the page" that was probably God revealing something to you or to our church family. Write it down!

## Pray

Write out your prayer. Or at least the main points. I like to do this section in a different color.

## Listen

Take time to listen to what God is saying to you. Check your understanding against the truth of His word. He will never tell you something that contradicts His word. Be sure to listen throughout the day even after you leave the sanctuary. As He speaks, write it down! I like to use a third color for this part

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What's on my mind?

Prayer

Today's Scripture

Listen