

Genesis 37-39 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From Gen 37:23-36 what happened to Joseph (v23-24, 25-27, 28, 36) and how did the brothers cover this up (v29, 31-33)? How did this affect Reuben (v29-30) and Jacob (v34-35)?	
5. In 38:1-10 what did Judah do (v1-2) and what resulted (v3-5)? Who was Er's wife (v6) and what happened to him (v7) and his brother (v10)? Why (v7, 8-10)?	
6. Looking at 38:11-23 how did Judah deal with Tamar's situation (v11) and how did she trick him (v12-19, 20-23)? Why did she do this (v14)?	
7. Read 38:24-30. What was Judah told (v24) and how did he react (v14)? What was Tamar's defense (v25) and his response (v26)? What sovereignly occurred when she had kids (v27-30)? How would you describe Judah?	
8. Using 39:1-10 what happened to Joseph (v1-2) and why (v2)? How did this affect his master (v3, 5) and what did he do for Joseph (v4, 6)? What temptation did he face and how did he handle it (v7-10)? Apply.	
9. From 39:11-18 what did Potiphar's wife do (v11-12) and how did Joseph respond (v12)? How did she attempt to get Joseph in trouble (v13-18)? What can we learn from this?	
10. In 39:19-23 what was Potiphar's response (v19, 20) and why? How did God take care of Joseph then (v21, 23)? Describe his success in jail (v22, 23)? Apply.	
11. Summarize the how Joseph and Tamar got the "short end of the stick" in these chapters. How did God take care of them anyway, and what was their "part"?	

Scripture to Remember

"And the Lord was with Joseph, so he became a successful man."

Genesis 39:2 (NASV)

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One Month to Live Group Questions—Mistaken Identity

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. If you were to interview the "man on the street" who do you think most people would say Jesus is? How would you describe him to someone else?
2. Read John 1:1, 14. Who does this say Jesus is and what does this mean to you? What difference does it make whether He is *the* God or simply *a* God?
3. Read John 8:58. What is the significance of Jesus' saying "I am" to the Jews? What are some of the characteristics of God in the Old Testament that mean a lot to you?
4. Who raised Jesus from the dead, based on John 2:19-21 and Acts 17:30-31. How does this make Him different from every other religious leader? How should that affect your life, as well as your relationship with Him?
5. According to John 10:30-33 Jesus claimed to be God—it wasn't just a myth his disciples made up. Since that is true what does this mean in your everyday life today?
6. Jesus claims to forgive sins, He controls nature, gives eternal life, and will judge the world, all things that God alone does. Based on all of these things why is it important to talk about Jesus with others? Discuss some practical ways to be able to do this with others who don't know Him.



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The Short End of the Stick

Introduction to Genesis 37-39

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

When someone gets the short end of the stick they usually get stuck with something bad. It is normally “luck” that determines this; but in this week’s study there are people responsible for others’ misfortune. First, Joseph, Jacob’s son by his beloved Rachel, is abandoned by family. While he is favored by Jacob, he has a couple of dreams that predict that he will rule over not only his brothers, but also over his mother and father. This incenses his brothers, who are jealous of him, and also draws a rebuke from Jacob. A little later, when Joseph is out to check on his brothers, they plot to take his life; they throw him into a pit, but at Reuben’s prodding they decide to sell him as a slave. When they go back to get him he has been abducted by some nomads who have sold him

into Egyptian slavery. They are distraught and concoct a cover-up, telling Jacob that he was eaten by wild animals. In the next story a woman, Tamar, is abused by her in-laws. Judah, one of the brothers, visits a Canaanite and lays with Shua. She has three kids, and the first one grows up and marries Tamar. He was evil, though, so God took his life. His brother was supposed to marry her, according to custom, but when he lay with her he would not impregnate her. This displeased God, so he took his life, too. Judah then urged Tamar to wait until his third son grew up and marry him. However, he failed to do this, so Tamar posed as a prostitute and Judah, not knowing this, got her pregnant. When her pregnancy became known he



God raises up key people to follow who change the course of history.

demanded she be stoned, but she revealed that he was the father, and he admitted his sin of not giving her his third son. In the final story Joseph is accused by associates. God gave him favor with Potiphar, his master, and God blessed him; however, because he refused to sleep with his wife she accused him of rape and Potiphar threw him into prison. God blessed him there, too, with the chief jailer putting him in charge of everything. In all of these stories we see that if God blesses us it doesn’t matter even if we do get the short end of the stick.

Daily Study Questions for Genesis 37-39

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Genesis 37:1-4. How did Israel feel about Joseph and how did he show it (v3)? How did his brothers feel about him (v4) and what did he do to make it worse (v2)? Do you think he should have?</p>	
<p>2. From 37:5-11 what two dreams did Joseph have (v5-7, 9) and what did they mean (v8, 10)? How did his brothers react (v8, 11), and how did his father react (v10, 11)?</p>	
<p>3. Using 37:12-22 where did Israel send Joseph and why (v12-14)? What did Joseph then do (v15-17) and what did his brothers plot (v18)? Why did their plan change (v19-22)?</p>	

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