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**Seeing God in the Mess**

Genesis 43:1-45:15

* Joseph did the right thing all along and suffered for it. What was God able to do through his life? (Luke 24:25-27)
* Judah did not commit to doing things right until nearly the end of the story. What was God able to do through his life? What might have been different if he had done the right thing all along? (Matthew 20:1-16)
* For what things in your life are you praying that God will work out? Pray for them now and ask God to open your eyes to what you cannot yet see.
* Are there bad things that happened in your life for which you can now say for sure that God has worked that for good? (Romans 8:28)
* Are you committed to doing the right thing no matter what happens? Why? How has that commitment been tested in your life?
* In the story of Joseph and Judah, how far did God bring them out of their comfort zones? Has God stretched you into a new person? How? When?