



## Week 3: Covenant & Kingdom

Joseph's story is one of transformation and character development. It reminds us that suffering is not optional, it's inevitable. And it's actually beneficial. Joseph's circumstances in Genesis 40 help us to see our struggles as pathways to God's greater plan, reminding us that we are never alone. God is always with us, shaping us by His covenant relationship with us for His kingdom work through us.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Shawn talked about DNA of the Bible being one of Covenant and Kingdom. In your own words, what does it mean to be in covenant relationship with God? How is that different from our responsibility in God's Kingdom? How does understanding these two concepts help shape our view of our purpose and God's plan for our lives?
2. Joseph's path included unexpected suffering on the way to fulfilling his purpose. Why do you think suffering is so often a part of our journey with God? Why do you think we try to avoid it? How can you begin to view suffering as God's provision rather than God's punishment?
3. Discuss a time when you've faced difficulty that later produced spiritual growth. How did you feel during that season, and how do you view it now?
4. Joseph grew in character through his hardships, particularly learning humility. In what areas do you feel God may be shaping or growing your character today? What do you believe He is using to do that?
5. What is one step you can take this week to draw closer to God in humility and trust, even in areas of pain or waiting?