**Letdown: Disappointed with God**

***Genesis 39-41***

***“Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt.” Gen 41:46***

1. **God is Present in your pain.**

***“The Lord was with Joseph”***

***Genesis 39:20-23***

**“I covet that, don’t you? That people around us can see that we are different that the Lord is with us, and they wish to know why.”**

**John Lennox**

1. **God can Redeem your pain.**

***“But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many peoples lives.” Gen 50:20***

**Take Aways**

1. **God is the Great Potter of your life.**

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**LifeGroup Questions**

1. Spend some time sharing about your past week.
2. What has God been saying to you or how have you been challenged this week? (in the message, study time at home, etc.)
3. As you have thought about disappointment in this series what is one thing you can do to better deal with it when it comes your way?
4. Read James 1:1-18 together.
5. a) What stands out to you in this passage? b) What challenges you? c) What encourages you? d) What questions does it raise?
6. What do you think of the idea that challenges can actually help us grow in our faith? How have you seen this in your life?
7. James reminds his readers that every good gift comes from God. How can thinking about these gifts help us persevere in times of disappointment?
8. Take a few minutes to share some things you are thankful for today?
9. Share your thoughts about the analogy of God as the potter using the broken parts of our life to make us stronger and more beautiful?
10. Spend some time praying for each other as you wrap up.