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Ups and Downs

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Ice Breaker: If you woke up tomorrow with a million dollars, what's the first impractical thing you would purchase?

Understand their story:

How does Joseph's response to temptation differ from Judah's in Genesis 38?

What does each brother's story reveal about their relationship with God and their sense of accountability?

Connect to His story:

Read John 4:1-42. What is the difference in heart posture between the woman at the well and Potiphar's wife?

How does the woman at the well's story show Christ's character and what should our response be to Christ?

What do we learn about God's character when we look at Joseph's highs and lows?

Apply to our story:

What did Joseph do when faced with a chance to compromise his integrity? What can we do? Read also Ephesians 5:8-13, Romans 13:14.

Thinking about Joseph's experience in the pit (Gen 37) or in jail (Gen 39), how should this impact our ability to wait on the Lord?

Accountability:

Is there an area in your life where you must show integrity?

Parenting moment:

Talk to your kids about how our sin can affect others. Philippians 2:3-4 says, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others". Ask your kids to think about how to honor others this week.