

FACILITATION HELP: RESOURCE THEM

Students who succeed in discipleship on their own have been given excellent resources to do so. It's true that some have enough grit to make it on their own despite any challenge, but give them tools to stay faithful in the midst of life challenges. Expose your students to great resources that you've learned from. Books, concordances, people, blogs, and conferences are all great resources for growing in discipleship. Let them know which ones are biblically sound and trustworthy. Give them resources in addition to the Scripture they have learned that will be available to them when you can't be. Eventually they will move on from your group and these resources will remain to help them navigate the hard times.

STUDENT LESSON

VIDEO *What's the point?*AwanaJourney.com**CORE CONCEPTS**

God participates in our suffering, using it to direct the course of human history.

Suffering: Having physical or emotional pain or distress

ESSENTIALS QUESTION: IS THERE A BENEFIT TO SUFFERING?**STUDENT DISCUSSION 1:**

HOW DID JOSEPH'S FAITHFULNESS TO GOD THROUGH HIS SUFFERING AFFECT THE FAITH OF THOSE AROUND HIM, ESPECIALLY HIS BROTHERS?

Those around Joseph were drawn to God by the faithfulness Joseph demonstrated through his suffering. Others expected him to react in a worldly manner, yet Joseph honored God by extending his love and grace to them.

STUDENT DISCUSSION 2:

HOW DOES YOUR SUFFERING AFFECT YOUR FAITH? HOW DOES THE SUFFERING OF OTHERS AFFECT YOUR FAITH?

STUDENT DISCUSSION 3:

HOW HAS GOD USED A DIFFICULT SITUATION IN YOUR LIFE TO DIRECT OR TEACH YOU?

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CONCLUDE YOUR DISCUSSION WITH:

- » **ACTION PLAN:** *How do you plan to think and act differently?*
- » **FINAL REFLECTION:** *Our suffering is not in vain because God not only walks beside us in our suffering, but He experienced suffering Himself.*
- » **FINAL QUESTION:** *Where do you find hope in suffering?*