

That's a Good Question

The Legacy Question

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We write the stories of our lives one decision at a time. The “Legacy Question” will help you write the kind of story you’re actually proud to tell.

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Last week, we learned about the “God Question”—what would be most honoring to God?
- This week is the “Legacy Question”—what story do I want to tell?
- This question makes you think about your legacy and how you’ll be remembered.
- You write the story of your life one decision at a time.
- Over time, all of our “current events” get reclassified as stories.
- The story of Joseph in the book of Genesis is a great story to learn from because he faced some pretty crazy extremes. Even in extreme situations, we can ask ourselves good questions and make better decisions.
- How would you respond if your brothers sold you into slavery? Joseph kept his head up.
- Read what happens between Joseph and Potiphar’s wife in Genesis Chapter 37.
- Joseph finds himself stuck. Option 1—sleep with Potiphar’s wife. Outcome—it’s over for Joseph. Option 2—sleep with her. Outcome—it’s over Joseph.
- To navigate a situation that feels lose-lose, ask the question, “What story do I want to tell?”
- Joseph chooses to tell a story that honors God. In return, it still costs him.
- Doing what’s right doesn’t always lead to prosperity in life.
- “Life is better with Jesus at the center of it,” but that doesn’t always mean everything works out the way we think it will.
- “Better” often looks like struggle, or simplicity, or sacrifice.
- Joseph goes on to do things that are only possible because he decided on a story worth telling.
- No matter what story you’ve told until this point, your story is not over. You can start right now with a blank page, a new chapter.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Stories are powerful. What’s one of your favorite stories of all time—book, movie, show, etc.?
2. Here’s some practice in storytelling: What has been your story since the pandemic started? (If you need help: Where were you before, what happened to you during, where did it lead you now? What were some of the ups and downs? What did it ultimately show or teach you?)
3. The “Legacy Question” (What story do I want to tell?) can help us make better decisions especially in tough circumstances. Can you think of a tough decision you had to make and are now proud of the outcome/story? Do you have any decisions where you’re not so proud?
4. We’re all going to face tough situations. We can’t predict what they’ll be, but in general, what would you like to say about how you handle yourself and the situation when things get tough in the future? What story would you like to tell?