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### **MESSAGE SUMMARY**

We center on the life of Joseph and the concept of breakthrough favor. It's a God-given ability to prosper, advance, and overcome regardless of circumstances. By connecting the unexpected breakthrough of Perez with Joseph's journey, we see that God's hand can elevate a person even in unfavorable environments. We are challenged to embrace God's Word, walk in gratitude, release the past, and step into a new season.

### **OPEN IN PRAYER + DISCUSS**

#### **BREAKTHROUGH IS A GOD-GIVEN REALITY, NOT JUST A MOMENT**

Breakthrough (Perez) represents a supernatural shift where God causes you to advance beyond natural limitations. Just as Perez unexpectedly broke through, Joseph carried a similar anointing. He prospered wherever he went, because of God. This shows that breakthrough is not tied to perfect conditions, but to God's presence actively working in your life. Genesis 38:27–30, Genesis 39:1–3

1. Where in your life do you feel “stuck,” and how might God be positioning you for breakthrough?
2. How does Joseph's success in difficult environments challenge your understanding of what favor looks like?
3. What would it look like to expect breakthrough even when circumstances don't change immediately?

#### **FAVOR IS GOD'S INVOLVEMENT IN YOUR LIFE**

Favor is when God actively participates in your progress—opening doors, causing increase, and even blessing others because of your presence. Joseph didn't just survive in Egypt; everything around him prospered because God was with him. This reminds us that favor is not earned by status but flows from relationship with God. Genesis 39:2–5

1. Can you identify moments where God's favor impacted your life or others around you?
2. How can recognizing God's favor shift your mindset from striving to trusting?
3. In what ways might your presence be bringing unseen blessing to your workplace, family, or community?



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### LETTING GO OF THE PAST IS KEY TO WALKING IN FREEDOM

Joseph's journey required him to move forward without becoming bitter about betrayal, rejection, or hardship. Even though his past included pain, he didn't allow it to define his future. True breakthrough requires releasing what's behind so you can fully step into what God has ahead. Genesis 37:1-2 (context of Joseph's early life), Genesis 39:1 (Joseph's transition into a new season)

1. What past experiences are hardest for you to release, and why?
2. How might holding onto past pain be limiting your ability to walk in God's favor?
3. What practical step can you take this week to begin letting go and moving forward?

### CONCLUSION & CHALLENGES

Joseph's story reveals that breakthrough, favor, and freedom are all connected to God's presence and our response to Him. Even in difficult seasons, God is working behind the scenes to position us for greater purpose. When we trust Him, release the past, and remain rooted in His Word, we step into a life that reflects His power and provision.

### GROUP CHALLENGE

Share one testimony of how you saw God's favor or breakthrough, even in small ways.

### PERSONAL CHALLENGE

Each day this week:

- Read a portion of Scripture (starting with Genesis 37-39).
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal one area where you need to let go and trust God.
- Declare daily: "God is with me, and His favor is working in my life."

Carry this mindset into your week and watch how your perspective and your expectation begins to shift.

### CLOSE IN PRAYER