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This Isn't What I Planned! | Gen-EX | Week 4

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Group Discussion

1. When life doesn't go as planned, what's your usual first reaction (example: problem-solve, shut down, or vent to someone)?
2. Compare Joseph's attitude in Genesis 37:5-8 and then in Genesis 41:15-16. What does this reveal about how Joseph sees blessing, ability, and control at this point in his story?
3. In the message, Pastor Bill states that our default intention as humans seeks to control and secure our outcomes whereas God's intention seeks to shape the soul. We interpret "blessing" to mean personal gain; however biblical blessing means salvation and redemption. How does Genesis 50:20 reshape how we can interpret suffering versus blessing in a biblical sense?
4. When your situation feels limiting or delayed, which is harder for you—staying rooted in God's purpose over your position, choosing service over bitterness, or trusting God's timing? Why?
5. Where are you tempted to control outcomes right now instead of letting God shape your character? What shift by changing your question from "Why is this happening?" to "What could God be forming in me here?"

Prayer

God, thank You that You are present in every season—near in the pit, steady in the waiting, and gracious in the moments of favor, just as You were with Joseph.

When our plans fall apart, help us trust that You are still at work shaping our hearts, not just managing our outcomes. Teach us to release our need for control and to receive Your blessing as an invitation to join Your redemptive work right where we are. Help us see beyond our own needs and desires, so we can live today with faith and generosity for the generations You are still writing into Your story. Amen.