

BETTER FOR IT – PART 2: RESPONSE TIME  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

*We don't always get to choose our circumstances, but we do have the ability to choose our responses. There is a response that has the potential to reverse the natural course of things – but the response itself requires determination and intentionality because it isn't natural at all.*

READ GENESIS 37:18-36; 39:1-41

- Who do you respect the most? Why? Does it have anything to do with their responses to challenging circumstances? If so, what might their story be if they had reacted as expected?
- Did you grow up assuming: If God is with you, things will go well for you? Or something similar?
- What circumstances were beyond Joseph's control?
- What are some of the natural (reactionary) responses Joseph could have had to the circumstances he experienced?
- What might Joseph have meant when he describes the demand of Potiphar's wife as "a great sin against God"?
- Have you ever experienced the tension of doing the right thing, only to have things not work out as you'd expected or hoped?
- Have you ever wanted to give up or give in rather than respond as if God is with you (because it seems as if he's not)?
- Is there an area of life where you are reacting as expected rather than exercising respond-ability?
- Is there anything you would do differently if you believe God is with you?
- What next step will you take to respond as if God is with you – even when it seems he's not?

LESSONS LEARNED CAN (SHOULD) BE PUT INTO PRACTICE