

## How to Be an Overcomer

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- 1. When Joseph received the message from his brothers, he broke down and wept. Why do you think it hurt him so deeply?
- 2. Adam said: "The assumptions we make in relationships are sometimes the things that hurt us the most." Do you agree with this statement? If so, why is it true?
- 3. We often attach footnotes to people in our minds as reminders of what they did to hurt us. Did this remind you of some footnotes that you carry around and need to turn over to God? How can we do that?
- 4. Joseph understood that things that hurt us can come from two motives: the human motive and the divine motive. What is the difference between these two motives and how does it help us endure our circumstances?
- 5. Adam gave three principles of understanding for being an overcomer:
  - a. Resentment only hurts you and revenge is up to God
  - b. Since God is in charge, what people do to you with evil motives God allows with divine purpose
  - c. Following God means responding to hurt with kindness

Which of these three do you find hardest to apply?

6. Are there any areas of resentment, baggage, or wrong response to hurt that you need to surrender to God today?