

# BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

## STUDY GUIDE INSTRUCTIONS

These study guides are designed to help you engage deeply with Scripture and connect Joseph's story to your own journey of faith and work. Each guide follows the same structure across all five chapters in the book—**Identity, Calling, Character, Mission, and Legacy**.

### STRUCTURE

- **Theme** – Each week begins with a central idea that frames Joseph's story and invites you to consider how it applies to your own life.
- **Book Chapter** – Every guide corresponds to a chapter in the book *Between Two Worlds*.
- **Scripture Passage** – A selected section of Genesis provides the biblical foundation for the week's study.
- **Questions** – Reflection and discussion questions help you personally engage and encourage group conversation.
- **Digging Deeper** – Short insights and supporting passages to further ground the week's theme in Scripture.

### LEADER'S GUIDE

- **Participant Copy** – Contains only the reading, questions, and digging deeper sections.
- **Leader's Copy (Blue Notes)** – Includes guiding thoughts, prompts, and suggestions in blue text. These are not "answers" but tools to help leaders facilitate meaningful group discussion.

### SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

Each chapter is divided into two weeks (Week 1 and Week 2). However, you can easily combine them into a single week per chapter, making the study adaptable to either a **10-week series** or a shorter **5-week series**.

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## STUDY GUIDE

### IDENTITY • WEEK 1

“WHO YOU ARE WHEN THE WORLD WANTS TO RENAME YOU”

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#### READING:

Genesis 37:1–36 (Joseph is favored, rejected, and betrayed)

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#### THEME:

Before Joseph ever had a job title or leadership role, he was marked by identity. That’s where our faith at work begins—not with what we do, but with who we are.

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#### QUESTIONS:

1. In verses 3–4, Joseph’s robe symbolized his father’s favor. How did this mark him—positively and negatively—in the eyes of others?
2. In verses 18–28, what does the act of stripping off Joseph’s robe symbolize? How does this connect to identity in environments like the workplace?
3. Even in betrayal, Joseph remains who he is. How does this challenge the idea that external titles or positions define us?
4. Reflect: Have you ever felt pressure to adjust or hide who you are in Christ to fit a workplace or industry culture?
5. What false “robes” (title, status, productivity) have you been tempted to build your identity around?

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## DIGGING DEEPER:

Joseph's coat didn't make him valuable—it only revealed the value already placed on him by his father. Even when the coat was torn away, Joseph's identity remained.

That same pressure exists today—especially in our work lives. Titles, companies, achievements—they can all be stripped away. But if you know who you are in Christ, you stay anchored. You are not your résumé.

You are not your productivity. You are God's image-bearer, sent to reflect Him—even in Egypt, even in obscurity.

**Genesis 1:27** - "So God created man in His own image."

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“In today’s culture, what are the modern-day equivalents of Joseph’s robe in a career setting? Job title? LinkedIn status?”

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Help them see the robe as a metaphor for identity under pressure. Ask: “Have you ever felt your sense of identity ‘stripped’ in your work?”

3. Even in betrayal, Joseph remains who he is. How does this challenge the idea that external titles or positions define us?

Great time to reframe: “What if success isn’t about what we gain, but who we remain?”

4. Reflect: Have you ever felt pressure to adjust or hide who you are in Christ to fit a workplace or industry culture?

Normalize this. Be ready to share a story from your own life to get others to open up.

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You might list some examples first: “What are the ‘robes’ we tend to wear at work—roles, metrics, reputation?”

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“YOU ARE LOVED, EVEN IN THE PRESSURE”

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#### READING:

Genesis 39:1-23 (Joseph works with integrity, resists temptation, and is falsely accused)

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#### THEME:

Joseph didn't need status to be faithful. His identity and security came from being loved—by his father on earth and his Father in heaven. That love fueled his integrity at work.

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#### QUESTIONS:

1. In verses 2-4, what does the text say about Joseph's work? Who ultimately caused it to succeed?
2. In verses 7-9, what reason does Joseph give for resisting Potiphar's wife? How does that reveal his inner anchor?
3. In verses 20-23, Joseph is falsely accused and imprisoned. What remains consistent about his character—and God's presence?
4. Reflect: Have you ever experienced tension between doing what's right and getting ahead professionally?
5. How does being loved by God shape the way you navigate ethical or relational challenges in your work?

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## DIGGING DEEPER:

Joseph wasn't driven by workplace advancement—he was driven by identity. He knew he was loved. That's what gave him the courage to walk with integrity when compromise was the easier road.

In the workplace, we're constantly tempted to adjust who we are to survive or succeed. But when you know you're deeply loved by the Father, you don't have to perform to prove your worth. You work hard, but you work from identity—not for it.

***Romans 8:15*** - “For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption.”

***Galatians 3:26*** - ““You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”

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Connect this to the tension we feel between personal effort and divine favor. Ask: “Where's the line between working hard and trusting God?”

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His response is rooted in his **relationship** with God. Not just ethics but intimacy.

3. In verses 20-23, Joseph is falsely accused and imprisoned. What remains



consistent about his character—and God’s presence?

Highlight how Joseph’s integrity remains intact even when outcomes are unjust. Ask: “How do you define success when doing the right thing costs you?”

4. Reflect: Have you ever experienced tension between doing what’s right and getting ahead professionally?

This is where deep conversation can happen. Consider leading with your own story of ethical tension at work.

5. How does being loved by God shape the way you navigate ethical or relational challenges in your work?

Tie back to Romans 8—remind the group that being adopted and loved by God is what fuels courage under pressure.

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“How might your work ethic or workplace relationships change if you truly believed you are already loved and secure in God?”

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