

# VANTAGE POINT

## Unfinished Business

*Genesis 41:46 – 42:38*

1. Often, God will fix \_\_\_\_\_  
in us.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Often, God will \_\_\_\_\_  
with the sins of our past.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Often, God will \_\_\_\_\_ of  
our faithlessness.

# MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. As you ponder the promise of Romans 8:28 in light of the story of Joseph, is God promising to fix our problems or to orchestrate our whole life for our good? Describe some of your unfinished business. Is it hard to imagine that God is going to do something to finish it well in your lifetime?
2. Joseph seems to be putting his past behind him in Genesis 41:46-52. What are the advantages and disadvantages of assuming God isn't finished using your past for some future good?
3. Twenty years transpired since Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery. Yet, it seems clear to them that they still have consequences to face. Read Genesis 42:21-22. Why would a loving God bring up sins of the past? How is this part of "working all things together for our good?"
4. Jacob had two major encounters with God in his lifetime. Read Genesis 28:10-20 and 32:22-31. After the promises God made to him in these encounters, are you surprised by his response to his sons in Genesis 42:36-38? How is Jacob displaying a life of faithlessness?
5. Make a list of the promises God has made to us in the Bible. How are you doing with your faith in God right now?

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## MEMORY VERSE

***"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."***

*Psalms 139:23-24*