

FORWARD

Centering Ourselves

Personal Ministry

But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”

Genesis 50:19-20

It would be tragic to forget the lessons we’ve learned and to lose the perspective we’ve gained.

It’s important to utilize the understandings we have gained to respond thoughtfully and proactively rather than just reactively.

Our ability to respond thoughtfully enables us to shape our own future and the future relationship we will have with our child.

A catalytic response with the potential for the greatest positive impact is often the least intuitive response, the one we are least likely to choose and are tempted to overlook.

The story of Joseph illustrates playing the “long game” and trusting God with the outcome better than any other story.

Despite everything that went down in Joseph's life, he responded as if God was with him.

Playing the “long game” well has so much to do with our confidence that God is with us and our child.

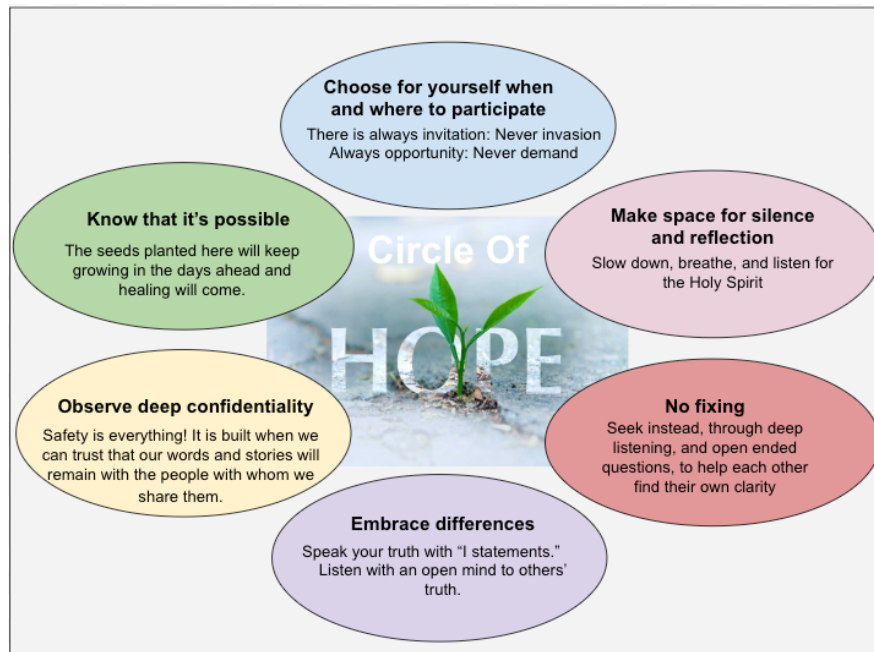
Our confidence that God is with us reminds us that there is more to our story than what meets the eye and that our present circumstances are just a chapter, not the entire story.

When Joseph's brothers, who had sold him into slavery, arrived in Egypt, Joseph chose a catalytic response. A response that clearly showed his confidence that God was and had always been with him.

When we believe and respond as if God is with us, we gain a perspective on what’s behind our circumstances that we can’t gain any other way.

Never underestimate the power of trusting God with the outcomes and playing the “long game.”

Circle of Hope Boundaries



For Circles of Hope to be restorative for those struggling with spiritual trauma, there must be clearly defined boundaries, the kinds of boundaries that create a safe space for the soul.

CIRCLE OF HOPE TOPIC

What perspectives have we gained, and what catalytic response could we make in playing the long game that would demonstrate our trust in God with the outcomes of our future relationship with our child?