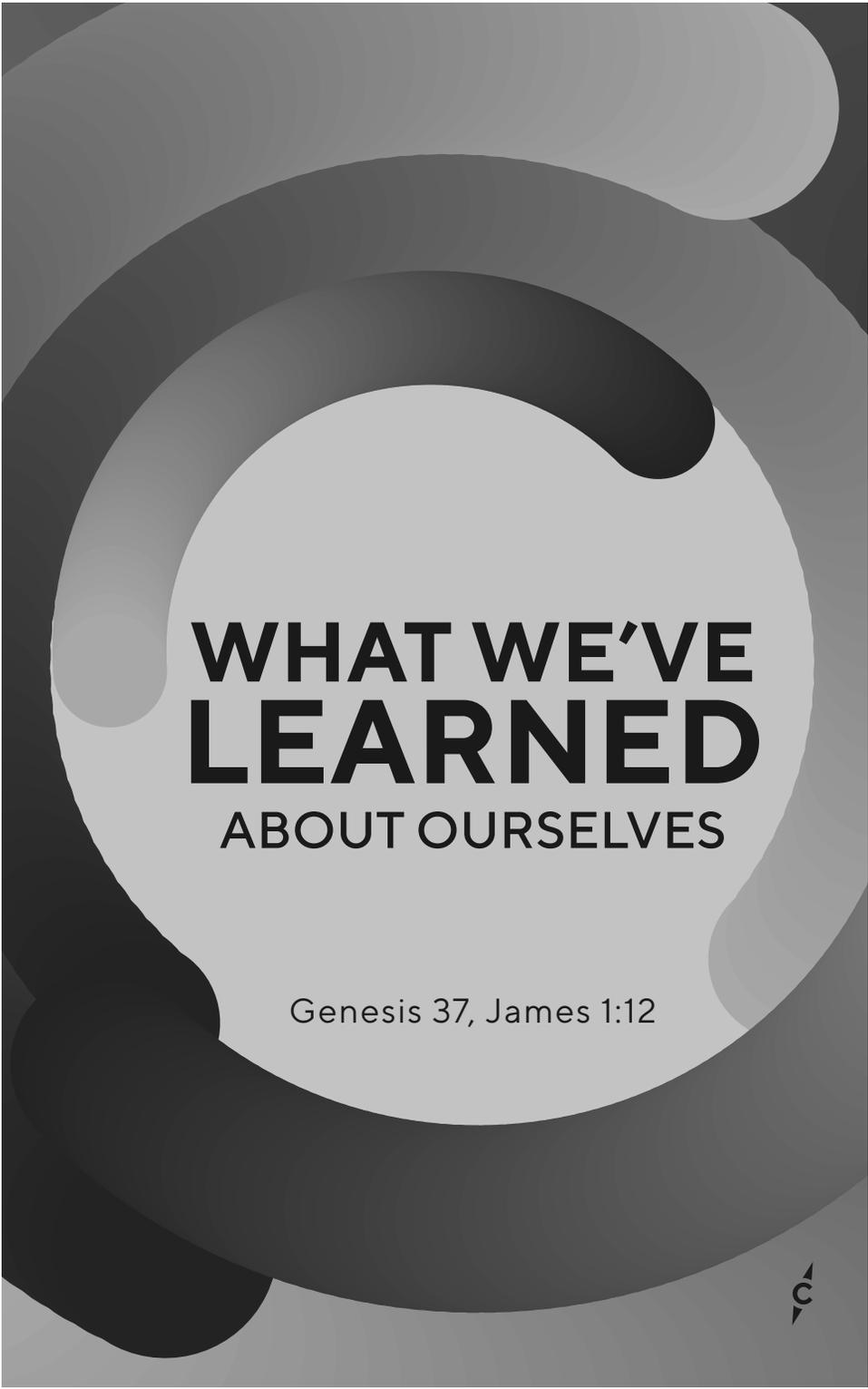


NOTES & QUOTES



**WHAT WE'VE
LEARNED**
ABOUT OURSELVES

Genesis 37, James 1:12



CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. As you reflect on your pandemic experience, what would you say was your greatest point of fear or concern?
2. Was there something you learned about yourself that you did not realize prior?
3. If you were to give one piece of advice to someone in the future who might have to experience something like a pandemic, what would it be?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

Read Genesis chapter 37. Although he did not experience a global pandemic, Joseph certainly had his life suddenly turned upside down through unexpected circumstances. Based on Joseph's challenging personal journey, consider the following questions.

4. What is the most shocking or surprising thing about this story for you?
5. Why would God give Joseph these two dreams? Do you think it was for Joseph alone or for him to tell his brothers? Why?
6. What emotions do you think the unexpected events of this story might stir up in Joseph, Reuben and Jacob?

7. Despite this harrowing experience, do you see any evidence that God is still at work?
8. Can you identify any areas where Joseph may have learned some new things about himself through this experience?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

9. When you consider your life today, where do you see evidence of God's providence despite challenges or struggles?
10. As you look back over the past two years of the pandemic, what things do you feel you have learned that God wants you to hang onto for the future?
11. Are there any areas of your character where you have discovered you are more resilient than you thought you were? How about more vulnerable?

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. JAMES 1:12