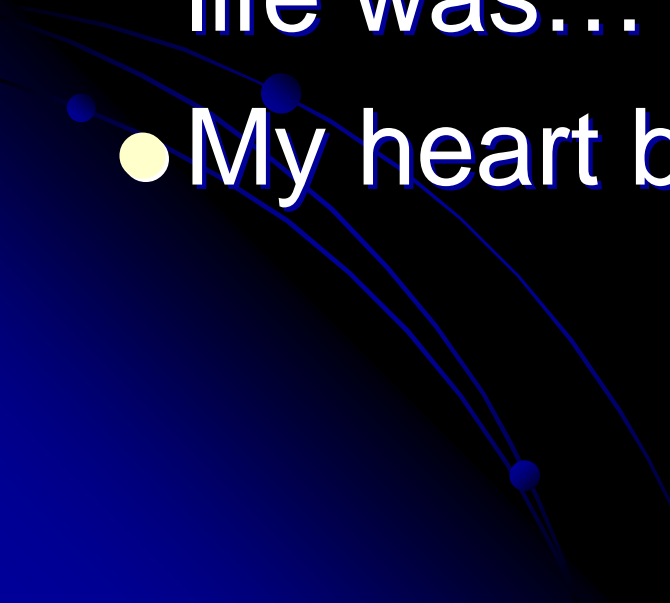
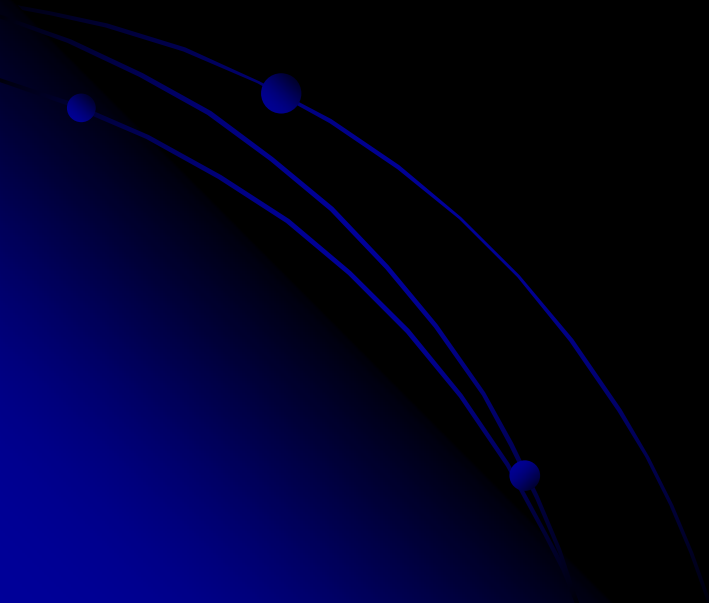


# Get into groups of 3 or 4 and finish the following sentences


- The biggest disappointment in my life was...
  - My heart breaks when...
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# As one group finish this...

- The roadblocks that keep me from having greater faith is...



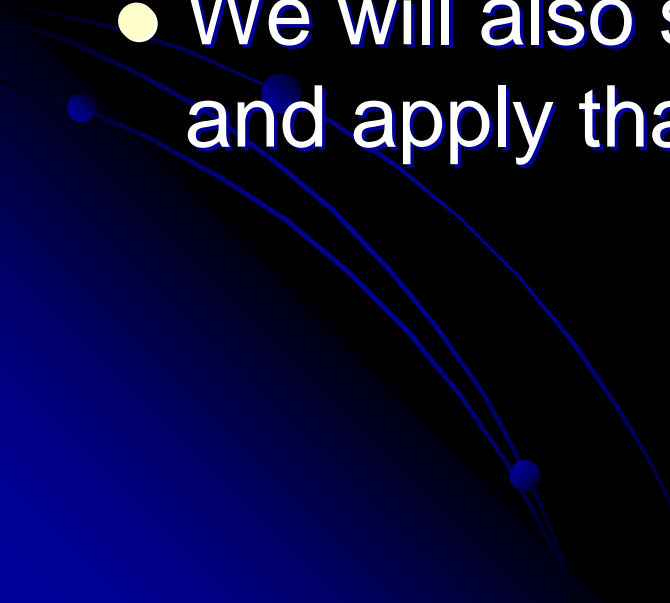
# Fighting Disappointment

- We will get disappointed when we ask one of the following questions:
    - Is God unjust/unfair?
    - Is God silent?
    - Is God Hidden?
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# Disappointment with God

- Some of these characters probably asked at least one of those questions.
  - Moses
  - Job
  - Paul
  - Peter
  - Joseph
  - Abraham
  - Isaiah
  - Jeremiah
  - David
  - Israelites in general

# Disappointment

- Tonight we will look at Joseph as one of those people who probably asked a variation of, is God silent?
  - We will also see how Joseph dealt with it and apply that to our lives today.
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# Life of Joseph

- Genesis 37
  - Joseph's Dreams
  - Sold into Slavery
- Genesis 39
  - Integrity of Joseph
  - Thrown into prison
- Genesis 40
  - Interpreting of Cupbearer and Baker
  - Forgotten by friends

# Life of Joseph

- Genesis 41
  - Pharaoh's dreams
  - Joseph becomes 2<sup>nd</sup> in command of all of Egypt
- Genesis 42-44
  - Famine in the land
  - Jo's brothers come to visit
- Genesis 45
  - Jo makes himself known to all

# Jo's way of battling Disappointment

- He remembered that God was ultimately the one in charge. Gen 45.5-7
- Throughout his whole life he made sure his focus was not on himself. Gen 41.16
- Forgave his brothers and God for what had happened. Moved on.
- His faith grew because of what God allowed to happen.

# Application to our life's

- God is God and we are not. He is always in control even when he seems silent.
- Have the faith of Hebrews 11.1-2 and rest in the fact God is there.
- Look past our need and see how God is working around.
- Remember that we have a bright future in God.