



Series: Joseph the Harbinger of Jesus

Passage Genesis 37

Title: Betrayed!

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Discussion Starter

What do you think was the overarching theme of the sermon this past Sunday as we began a study in the life of Joseph in Genesis 37?

Betrayed! (Genesis 37)

- Read Genesis 37:1-4. What are some of the family dynamics you see taking place in these first four verses? What seems to be going wrong? What are some of the similar family dynamics that occur in our families and cultures of today's world?
- What do we know about Jacob's life history that might explain some of these problems?
- What is the significance of Jacob giving Joseph a tunic of many colors? How did his brothers feel about this coat?
- Read Genesis 37:5-8? How does Joseph react to this first dream and why do you think he shared this with his brothers?
- Read Genesis 37:9-11. What is different about Joseph's second dream as compared to the first? How did his father Jacob interpret the meaning of the Sun, Moon and eleven stars?
- What does this tell us about Joseph's character and ability to understand this calling that God had on his life? Read Matthew 7:6 and 20:27-28. What insights do these verses give us in how we should go about trying to understand God's calling on our lives?
- Where do we see the connection to faith in God revealed in this chapter in the life of both Joseph and his father Jacob? Read Genesis 12:1-3. Describe the implication of these verses how they apply to God's calling on the lives of Joseph and Jacob?
- Read Genesis 37:12-20. In what way were Joseph's brothers blinded by jealousy? How did jealousy affect them? What impact has jealousy ever played in your life? What is at the root of this Jealousy? Read Matthew 5:21-22. What was Jesus teaching us in this verse and how does it apply to the Jealousy of Joseph's brothers?
- Read Genesis 37:21-36. Which of Joseph's brothers did not want to kill him and why? What was their motivation for not wanting to kill him? What deception did they give into? How does this apply to us?
- What actions do Joseph's brother do after ripping off his coat and throwing him into the empty pit that reveal the level of their depravity?
- What are some of the parallels you see so far in this chapter between the life of Joseph and Jesus, portraying him as the harbinger of Jesus?