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Joseph #1

Turn Trauma into Triumph!

We know that in all things **God works for the good** of those who **love him**, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

Complicated family history & dynamics...

- **Abraham & Sarah** (also Hagar & son Ishmael)
- **Isaac & Rebekah** (also son Esau)
- **Jacob** (Israel) & **Rachel** (also Leah, Bilhah, & Zilpah)
- **Joseph**- 1 of 12 brothers/ from 4 mothers/ his mother died before he turned 10.

² This is the account of Jacob's family line. **Joseph**, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

³ Now **Israel loved Joseph** more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an **ornate robe for him**.

⁴ When his brothers **saw that their father loved him** more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

⁵ **Joseph had a dream**, and when he told his brothers, they hated him all the more.

⁶ He said to them, "**Listen** to this dream I had: ⁷ We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly **my sheaf rose** and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it." ⁸ His brothers said to him, "Do you **intend** to reign over us? Will you **actually rule us**?" And they hated him all the more..

⁹ Then **he had another dream**, and he told it to his brothers. "**Listen**," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were **bowing down to me**." ¹⁰ When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers **actually** come and bow down to the ground before you?" ¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind. **Genesis 37:2-11**

¹² Now **Joseph's brothers** had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem...

¹⁷ So **Joseph** went to **check on** his brothers and father's flocks and found them near Dothan. ¹⁸ But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. ¹⁹ "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other.

²⁰ "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

²¹ When **Reuben** heard this, he tried to rescue him. "Let's not take his life," he said.

²² "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben planned to take him back to his father.

²³ So when Joseph arrived, his brothers stripped him of his robe- the **ornate robe** he was wearing- ²⁴ and threw him into an empty cistern..

²⁸ When Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who **took him to Egypt**..

³⁶ Meanwhile, the Midianites **sold Joseph as a slave in Egypt** to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard. **Genesis 37:12-36**

- Everyone has complicated personal histories !
- God can work in it all for our & his greater good !

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To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

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To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

Relationships

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To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

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To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

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To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

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To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

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