

Dreamer: The Life of Joseph **A Study in Genesis 37-50**

Joseph Dreams
Genesis 37:1-11
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And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind. - Genesis 37:11

I. JACOB, JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS (Vss. 1-4)

- God always keeps his promises (Vs. 1).
- Joseph brings a bad report about his brothers to Jacob (Vss. 2, 14).
- Jacob's sin of favoritism (Vs. 3)
- The sinful response of Joseph's brothers to Jacob's favoritism (Vs. 4)

II. JOSEPH'S FIRST DREAM (Vss. 5-8)

- Joseph casts his dream before hateful wolves (Vs. 5; Matthew 7:6).
- In Joseph's first dream, his brothers bow down to him (Vss. 6-7).
- Joseph's brothers hate Joseph's dream and his words (Vs. 8).

III. JOSEPH'S SECOND DREAM (Vss. 9-11)

- In Joseph's second dream, his brothers and parents bow down to him (Vs. 9).
- Jacob rebukes Joseph for telling his dream (Vs. 10).
- Joseph's brothers are jealous of Joseph (Vs. 11).
- Jacob keeps Joseph's dream in mind (Vs. 11; Luke 2:19).
- God will work the sin of Jacob, Joseph and his brothers for their good, and most importantly, for God's glory (Genesis 50:20).

KNOW: God is always working all things, including sin, for his glory and for the good of those in Christ.

DO: When you are sinned against, trust that God is always good, always in control, and that he is always working all things to your greatest good, which is to become more like Jesus. Respond to others' sinning against you by trusting God. Love others by not tempting them to sin.

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Genesis 37:1-11

1. What sin and lack of wisdom do you see in the lives of Jacob, Joseph and the brothers in verses 1-11?
2. What sin and lack of wisdom do you see in your own life? What are you going to do to change these? Why is simply saying we will pray about these things not sufficient?
3. How does trusting that God is sovereign and good help us to respond in a godly way when people sin against us?
4. Why do we need to be careful not to tempt others to sin? In what ways do you tempt others to sin?
5. What do we need to do to put off anger, hatred and jealousy?
6. Why is it wrong to say someone made me angry or made me commit any sin?
7. What are some of the echoes in the life of Joseph that we see in the life of Jesus?