

Message Notes

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Joseph: A Character Study
When Dreams Die
Genesis 37:1-36
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◆ Bible characters _____, encourage & _____ us. (Ro 15:4; 1 Co 10:6)

◆ Joseph is a _____ who shows _____! (Gen 37-50)

Family Trouble

◆ Joseph's troubles begin with _____ on his brothers. (Gen 37:2)

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 a richly ornamented robe for him. **Genesis 37:3**

◆ Problem 2: Jacob _____ Joseph _____ all his other sons.

◆ The _____ is a symbol of Jacob's _____ & Joseph's _____.

◆ Joseph _____ that one day he would _____ over his brothers.

◆ His _____ are the _____ straw: his brothers now _____ him.

◆ If allowed to grow, _____ leads to _____. (Gen 37:3-11; Pr 27:4)

"Here comes that dreamer!... 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." **Genesis 37:19-20**

◆ In Egypt, it seems that Joseph's _____ are _____. (Gen 37:36)

When Our Dreams Die

◆ Life is _____ of _____, injustice, & _____. (Job 1-2; Ruth 1)

① We can be _____ & seek _____. (Gen 27:41; Heb 12:15)

② We can be _____ & drown in _____ - _____. (1 Kgs 19:3-5)

③ _____ God is _____ at work in our lives. (Jer 29:11; Ro 8:28)

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. **Genesis 50:20**

◆ God's ultimate goal is *not* my _____; it's my _____.

◆ Do I want _____ dreams or _____ dreams for my life? (Ro 8:29; Jms 1:2-4)

◆ Will I _____ God is _____ even when my _____ die?