

# The Lives of Jacob & Joseph

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## Life of Jacob/Joseph

### Recap:

- 1) When Joseph is 17 he has a couple of dreams...that his older brothers and father will be under him
  - 2) Hated because of his father's doting/favoritism
  - 3) Brothers end up selling him to a band of Midianites who are traveling to Egypt on the international trade route
  - 4) Jacob assumes he is dead...now out of his brother's hair...oh so they think
  - 5) Sold to high ranking official in Pharaoh's court – God blesses thru him
  - 6) Wife wants him, frames him – ends up in an Egyptian prison
  - 7) God bless him again – finds favor with the chief jailer
  - 8) After a lengthy time – baker/cup bearer – forgotten AGAIN!
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9) Lengthy time later Pharaoh has 2 dreams – can't interpret – Joseph is "remembered"

10) Placed as Prime Minister over all Egypt – 7 good years, now famine

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## Genesis 42:1-5

Here we go again right?

1) Speaks pretty roughly to his 10 sons – who knows, maybe they deserve some of it

2) In chapter 34 Jacob's sons are frustrated with Jacob for doing nothing when Dinah has her ordeal

*Now they are reversed...the boys are passive*

3. One again we have a doted on favorite

*Can you imagine what this must be communicating to the other 10?*

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## Genesis 42:1-5

We define normalcy to our kids:

- 1) *The way we treat our spouse – this is “normal” to them growing up*
- 2) *The way we approach work*
- 3) *The way we speak to our kids*
- 4) *The way we resolve/don't resolve conflict*

Scary huh?!

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## Genesis 42:6-17

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## Genesis 42:18-20

Several observations here:

- 1) *3 days*
  - 2) *God is a guiding part of this for Joseph*
  - 3) *Real test*
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## Genesis 42:18-20

And his rethinking the situation is so solid:

- 1) *Realizes 9 voices might have a much better time convincing Jacob to let Benjamin come back with them*
  - 2) *How can Joseph sustain Jacob and his family with one guy carrying the grain back? Joseph is genuinely concerned about sustaining his family back in Canaan*
  - 3) *Probably concerned that if Jacob loses 9 sons...even these 9, it will do him in*
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Genesis 42:21-38

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## Final thought:

Notice the supreme difference between Joseph & his brothers

*[28] He said to his brothers, "My money has been put back; here it is in the mouth of my sack!" At this their hearts failed them, and they turned trembling to one another, saying, "What is this that God has done to us?"*

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