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Joseph was born into a **BIG** family

Having a huge family means
you're *prosperous* and are
the envy of everyone!

+ You're
established
and *have made*
it in life. x

GENESIS 37:3

Now Israel loved Joseph more than
any other of his sons.



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Fracture in *Jacob's* family

- ◆ Jacob grew up desperately lacking the love and affirmation of his father Isaac, because he *preferred his brother Esau to him*.

- ◆ There was *no affirmation from Jacob's father* in his entire childhood, which resulted in Jacob's inner neediness.

This whole issue of *favouritism* is one of the idolatries of love.



GENESIS 37:2

And Joseph brought a bad report of
them to their father.



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Brokenness in *Joseph's* life

The Hebrew word for *bad report* is a word that means a 'false report, a lie, or at least a misrepresentation of some kind'.

Joseph had no sense about the impact of his own behaviour on his loved ones.



He was *spoiled*, *insensitive* and *arrogant*.

Brokenness in the family

The word '*hate*' is mentioned 3x in Genesis 37.



Underneath what looks like a big and prosperous family are hidden depths of *brokenness* and *chaos* that threatens to destroy the family from the *inside out*.



GENESIS 40:23

Yet the chief cupbearer did not
remember Joseph, but forgot him.



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False conclusion

Seems like the
major theme of
Joseph's life.

Seems like God
had forgotten
all about Joseph.

Different responses in *Dothan*

Second time
Dothan was
mentioned
in the Bible:
2 Kings 6

Elisha and a servant were in the city, which was surrounded by an enemy army (Syrians). The army was going to capture them and possibly kill them. But Elisha cried out to God from the pit as it were, and God sent chariots of fire (2 Kings 6:17), a heavenly angelic army that came and blinded the offending army and everyone was saved.

Same place but two **different responses.**



What *Joseph* truly needed

An angel rescuing Joseph from the pit wouldn't be enough.

What would happen if Joseph was rescued the same way Elisha was?

If Joseph had been saved from the thing he wanted to be saved from, he would've been lost in a more profound way later on.

God's heart

Redemption, restoration and transformation is His heart for us, more than just the immediate removal of obstacles.

God was caring as much for Joseph in His journey of pain, as He was caring for Elisha with all that glorious and powerful angelic activity.

Do you believe that God is still working in both kinds of situations?

HEBREWS 11:21 + GENESIS 48

By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.



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God's transforming work in *Jacob*



Now finally Jacob understood the grace of God.



When Jacob placed his right hand on Ephraim's head, he was simply following God's economy and he went against cultural norm.



It didn't matter what was normal, he just obeyed the Lord and was insistent on it even in the disapproval of Joseph.

Silent but *not absent*

God seems to be absolutely silent.



That's the artistry of the author of Genesis because, even though God seems to be completely absent on the surface, He has always been at work.

God is always at work in the mess.



Why?
God loves us too much to let us be sovereign over our own lives.

God was arranging things for the redemption of this prophetic promised family.

Silence in *Esther*

There's a whole string of coincidences that have occurred in the entire story

Some '*coincidences*':

CHAPTER 1:11-12 The drunken king

CHAPTER 2 Esther was chosen

CHAPTER 2:21 Mordecai happened to uncover the plot to kill the king

CHAPTER 6 The king could not fall asleep