



South Sub Church

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“When Dreams Don’t Make Sense”

Genesis 37:1-11 [verses 2-4 (NLT) listed]

When Joseph was seventeen years old, he often tended his father’s flocks. He worked for his half brothers, the sons of his father’s wives Bilhah and Zilpah. But Joseph reported to his father some of the bad things his brothers were doing. Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe. But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn’t say a kind word to him.

Sermon Summary:

Life doesn’t always make sense in the moment. Betrayal, disappointment, temptation, loss, and waiting can leave us wondering where God is in the middle of it all. Yet the story of Joseph reminds us that even when all seems lost, God is still working behind the scenes - preparing us for purpose and revealing His greater plan. Join us as we walk through one of the most powerful stories in Scripture and discover how God can use every season of life to shape something bigger than we can see.

Fun, non-threatening Ice Breaker questions:

1. Have you ever had a dream that felt especially memorable or meaningful?
2. What’s something unique about your family dynamic growing up?
3. Have you ever felt overlooked or misunderstood by others?
4. What’s one thing you hoped to become when you were younger?
5. When have you experienced jealousy or comparison in relationships?

Objective Bible study questions (observation):

1. Where was Jacob living at the beginning of the chapter?
2. How old was Joseph when this story begins?
3. Which brothers was Joseph tending the flocks with?
4. What kind of report did Joseph bring to his father?
5. Why did Jacob love Joseph more than his other sons?
6. What special gift did Jacob give Joseph?
7. How did Joseph’s brothers respond to their father’s favoritism?
8. What was Joseph’s first dream about?

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9. What was Joseph's second dream about?
10. How did Jacob respond after hearing Joseph's dreams?

Interpretive Questions (meaning):

1. Why do you think Jacob's favoritism created so much tension in the family?
2. What might Joseph's dreams reveal about God's plans for his life?
3. Why did Joseph's brothers react so strongly to the dreams?
4. What does Jacob's response tell us about his view of Joseph's dreams?
5. How can jealousy distort relationships and judgment?

Application questions (life response):

1. Are there areas in your life where comparison or jealousy affects your relationships?
2. How can you trust God with dreams or callings He has placed on your life?
3. What steps can you take to treat others more fairly and lovingly?
4. How should we respond when others receive opportunities or blessings we desire?
5. What does this passage teach you about humility when sharing what God is doing in your life?