

Overcoming: What's Holding You Back?

Genesis 37

Trust what God says about you, not what others say.

“Jacob lived in the land of his fathers, where his father had stayed. These are the generations and the account of Jacob’s family. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father’s wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. 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 an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.”
Genesis 37:1-4

“I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.” John 15:15

Leverage your influence for kingdom impact, not personal gain.

“Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, ‘Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it.’ His brothers said to him, ‘Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?’ And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.” Genesis 37:5-8

“Then he had another dream and told his brothers about this dream. He said, ‘Listen, I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.’” Genesis 37:9

Trust God when the road seems long.

“When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, ‘What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down on the ground before you?’” *“His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.”* Genesis 37:10-11

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9

“Trust in the Lord with all of our hearts and to lean not on our own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make our paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6