

## Part 11: Introducing Joseph

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### Genesis 37:3

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### Summary of Genesis

#### Part 1: Creation (Genesis 1-2)

1:27 — We are God’s representatives in the world

1:29 — God asks humanity to partner with him to continue to form his creation

1:31 — Humans are to make his very good creation better

#### Part 2: The Fall (Genesis 3)

3:6-7 — We thought we could form the world better without God

3:22-24 — We are now subject to death

#### Part 3: The Problem (Genesis 4-11)

4 — Cain and Abel: Jealously and Murder

6-9 — Noah: Human Wickedness and God’s Regret

11 — Tower of Babel: Human Pride

**The Problem:** God wants to lovingly partner with humanity to help make his very good creation better, but humanity keeps refusing.

**Covenant:** A partnership between two parties to accomplish a goal together

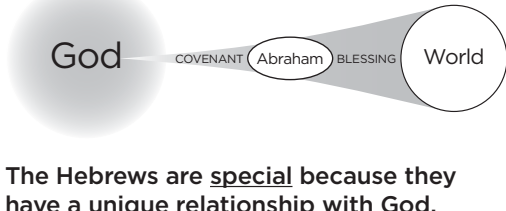
#### Part 4: The Messy Solution: Abraham’s Family (Genesis 12-50)

Genesis 17:3-7 — God and Abram enter a covenant friendship

Genesis 12:2-3 — The goal of the covenant is to bless the whole world

#### The Solution

God, by entering into a covenant relationship with a few who are called out from the many (Abraham’s family), is going to bless the whole world.



The Hebrews are special because they have a unique relationship with God.

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**Joseph inherits every hurtful family pattern and is confronted with a question: Am I going to perpetuate my family’s brokenness?**

### Family Patterns Affecting Joseph

1. Favoritism (37:3)
2. Violence and Jealousy (37:19-24)
3. Deceit (37:31-33)
4. Sexual Brokenness (39:1-20)
5. Exploitation (40:1-23)
6. Betrayal and rejection (37:36; 40:23)
7. Intelligence (39: 2-3)
8. Giftedness (41)
9. Blessing (41: 56-57)

### Genesis 42:1-28:

Joseph’s Brothers Go to Egypt

### Genesis 42:22-24

Reuben replied, “Didn’t I tell you not to sin against the boy? But you wouldn’t listen! Now we must give an accounting for his blood.” They did not realize that Joseph could understand them, since he was using an interpreter.

*He turned away from them and began to weep, but then came back and spoke to them again. He had Simeon taken from them and bound before their eyes.*

### Genesis 43:29-30

As he looked about and saw his brother Benjamin, his own mother’s son, he asked, “Is this your youngest brother, the one you told me about?” And he said, “God be gracious to you, my son.” Deeply moved at the sight of his brother, Joseph hurried out and looked for a place to weep. He went into his private room and wept there.

### Genesis 44:

A Silver Cup in a Sack

### Takeaways

Joseph is conflicted because changing family patterns is hard.

The story we have inherited is not the story we are determined to live.

Being a conduit of God’s blessing in the world always involves undoing the brokenness we have inherited.

Are you willing to allow God to change your story?