

Joseph, the Privileged Son, sold as a Foreign Slave

B.I.: God sometimes allows suffering in our life in order to help us grow into the person He can use.

- I. Envy can ruin relationships in a family.
 - A. Joseph was the special son of Jacob. (vv. 1-4)
 - B. Joseph's dreams added to his half-brothers' hatred for him. (vv. 5-11)

- II. Even righteous people are not exempt from suffering in this sinful world.
 - A. Joseph obeys his father in traveling to check up on his half-brothers. (vv.12-17)
 - B. The brothers plotted to kill Joseph and deceive their father into thinking that a wild animal had eaten him. (vv. 18-20)
 - C. His half-brothers sold Joseph into slavery. (vv. 21-35)