

**Message:** *"Reconciled with One Another"*

**Scripture:** Genesis 37-49

**Key Question:** Am I my brother's keeper?

*"Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah...and he brought their father a bad report about them."*

Genesis 37:2

*"Now [Jacob] 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 37:3-4

*"...and when [Joseph] told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more." Yep, probably would kept to myself. No indication Joseph had clue about their pain. In fact, "His brothers said to him, 'Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?'" Genesis 37:5, 8*

*'Here comes that dreamer!' they said to each other. 'Come now, let's kill him...and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Genesis 37:19-20*

*"They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, 'We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe.'" Genesis 37:32*

*"Your servants are honest men not spies." "Your servants were twelve brothers, the sons of one man, who lives in the land of Canaan. The youngest is now with our father, and one is no more." "Well, if that's true, (Joseph said) go home, bring your little brother back as proof, and I'll give you what you need and you will live." Genesis 42:10-20*

*"Surely we are being punished because of our brother [Joseph]. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that's why this distress has come on us." Genesis 42:21*

*"A true penitent is one who commits a sin and later is given an opportunity to commit the same sin and refuses." Rabbi*

*"...if my father, whose life is closely bound up with the boy's life, sees that the boy isn't there, he will die. Your servants will bring the gray head of our father down to the grave in sorrow." We have an aged father, and there is a young son born to him in his old age. His brother is dead...and he is the only one of his mother's sons left, and his father loves him." Genesis 44:31-32*

*Let me take the place of the boy Benjamin. I will go to prison. Let my brother go free. I will suffer on behalf of my brother rather than seeing suffering inflicted upon my brother."*

Genesis 44:33-34

*So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it." His brothers stunned, so he gathered close told them again, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!" Genesis 45:1-4*

*And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you." Genesis 45:5*

*Joseph gave them carts...and he also gave them provisions for their journey. To each of them he gave new clothing..." Genesis 45:21*

*"Judah, your brothers will praise you...your father's sons will bow down to you." You are a lion's cub, Judah... The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his. He will tether his donkey to a vine, his colt to the choicest branch; he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes." Genesis 49:8-11*