

JOSEPH

ALL IN THE FAMILY?

A Quick Review of a Family

- ❖ Abraham (12) – Isaac (24) – Jacob (28)
 - ❖ Each comes into God's plan
 - ❖ Faith relationship in a desert
 - ❖ Promises of God renewed
 - ❖ Family travels, a good test
 - ❖ Reveals character...

Fathers and Family

❖ Abraham:

- ❖ Fathers Ishmael (16) = strife
- ❖ Lied about Sarah (20 – Gerar)

❖ Isaac:

- ❖ Favoritism (25:28)
- ❖ Lies about Rebekah (26 – Gerar)

Jacob's Troubles

- ❖ Deceiver/Surplanter... Rebekah...
- ❖ Only fears getting caught in his lie (27:11)
- ❖ Gets a blessing, (27:27) but on the run!!!
- ❖ Deception begets deception! (Laban)
- ❖ Wives, wages

Jacob's Family?

- ❖ Leah: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah
- ❖ Rachel's maid Bilhah: Dan, Naphtali
- ❖ Leah's maid Zilpah: Gad, Asher
- ❖ Leah: Issachar, Zebulun [Dinah]
- ❖ Rachel: Joseph, Benjamin (35:18)

A Tale of Wives

- ❖ Leah and Rachel were:
 - ❖ Competitive, manipulative (see 30:1,2,15,16)
 - ❖ Resentful (31:14-16)
 - ❖ Status conscious
 - ❖ Stole Idols (31:19, 34-36)
 - ❖ Liars and deceivers

Heritage of Anger

- ❖ This is also seen in sons! (34 & 35)
 - ❖ Murder when Dinah is raped... Simeon/Levi
 - ❖ Incest - Reuben and his mother's maid
 - ❖ Esau's line grows also (36)
- ❖ And out of all this comes JOSEPH...

A Bit of Application (handout)

- ❖ No matter what your parents were like:
 - ❖ You make you own life choices
 - ❖ Ethics and Moral choices still matter
 - ❖ Circumstances are no indication of Blessing
 - ❖ God still cares about you...
 - ❖ God is able to USE all your experiences
 - ❖ God plan remains the same...

Joseph's beginning

- ❖ Ch 37 - 17 years of silence... [14 chapters]
- ❖ Daddy's favorite
- ❖ Son of the loved wife
- ❖ Son of his old age...
- ❖ A triple threat for family strife!