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**Christ: From Creation to Caught Up  
Part 8a - Josephs Misery**

Have you ever felt like your life was going in the exact opposite direction of what God \_\_\_\_\_?

“God is still \_\_\_\_\_ — even in the \_\_\_\_\_.”

Joseph’s story is not just about Joseph... it’s about \_\_\_\_\_.

**Joseph was:**

- Loved by his \_\_\_\_\_
- Hated by his \_\_\_\_\_
- Rejected and \_\_\_\_\_
- Used by God to \_\_\_\_\_ many

**Jesus was:**

- Loved by His \_\_\_\_\_
- Rejected by His \_\_\_\_\_
- Betrayed for \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of silver
- Sent to \_\_\_\_\_ the world

**1: FAVORITISM FRACTURES FAMILIES** Genesis 37:1–4

*Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Favoritism damages everyone.**

Favoritism doesn’t just hurt the overlooked child...it also harms the \_\_\_\_\_ one.

**2: PRIDE PROVOKES PROBLEMS** Genesis 37:5–11

Joseph had a \_\_\_\_\_ from God... but he lacked \_\_\_\_\_.

**Not everything God shows you should be \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3: JEALOUSY TURNS DEADLY** Genesis 37:12–18

*“They made plans to \_\_\_\_\_ him.”*

*“Envy \_\_\_\_\_ the bones.”* (Proverbs 14:30 NLT)

\_\_\_\_\_ grows when people feed off each other!

**4: THE PIT IS NOT THE END** Genesis 37:19–24

*“They threw him into a \_\_\_\_\_.”*

Joseph went from:

- Favored \_\_\_\_\_
- Dream \_\_\_\_\_
- To a \_\_\_\_\_ — alone, rejected, abandoned

**People may forget you — but \_\_\_\_\_ never does.**

**5: BETRAYAL CAN BECOME GOD’S PATHWAY** Genesis 37:25–36

*They sold Joseph for \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of silver.*

**What looks like the \_\_\_\_\_ may be God’s \_\_\_\_\_.**

**God is working in your \_\_\_\_\_.**

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for \_\_\_\_\_...”  
(Genesis 50:20)

**Follow-Up Study** (Do alone or with others)

- Share about a time when something disappointing later turned out to be a blessing.

**1: FAMILY PAIN - Read Genesis 37:1–4**

1. Why do you think favoritism causes so much pain?
2. Have you ever experienced comparison, favoritism, or feeling overlooked?
3. How can families and churches guard against favoritism today?

**2: DREAMS AND WISDOM - Read Genesis 37:5–11**

1. Why is timing important when sharing what God puts in your heart?
2. Have you ever spoken too quickly and regretted it?
3. How do we balance bold faith with humble wisdom?

**3: JEALOUSY AND OFFENSE - Read Genesis 37:12–18**

1. Why is jealousy so dangerous?
2. How can unresolved offense grow over time?
3. What are healthy ways to deal with envy or resentment?
4. Read proverbs 14:30 What is your takeaway from this verse?

**4: THE PIT SEASON - Read Genesis 37:19–24**

1. What kinds of “pit seasons” do people experience today?
2. Why are painful seasons often confusing?
3. How can we trust God when life suddenly changes?

**5: BETRAYAL AND PURPOSE - Read Genesis 37:25–36**

1. Why is betrayal especially painful?
  2. Can you think of a time God used something painful for growth?
  3. How does Joseph’s suffering point us to Jesus?
- How does seeing Jesus in Joseph strengthen your faith?
  - Which part of Joseph’s story feels closest to your life right now?

**MEMORIZE:** Genesis 50:20

*“You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good.”*

**Upcoming New Life events**

**Today** - Communion

**April 27th** - Happy Birthday Pastor Mason

**April 27th** - 6:30 PM Refuge Youth Ministry

**April 29th** - 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study

