

SAVING A SPOILED BRAT
April 28, 2019
(The Gospel According to Joseph - Part 1)

LESSONS FROM A 17-YEAR-OLD: Genesis 37

WHAT JOSEPH COULDN'T SEE:

His dad's _____ of him

His lack of _____

How God was _____ His purposes

WHAT JOSEPH COULD CONTROL:

His response to his...

... _____ history

... present _____

... God's _____

Take-aways:

God is _____ your situation

God always meets you in _____

Life Group Questions for the Week of April 28, 2019

1. What is the most interesting or craziest dream you ever had (that you can remember)?
2. How many symptoms of family dysfunction can you identify in Genesis 37? (Hint: there are three bad behaviors listed in the first four verses of Gen. 37.)
3. On Sunday, we saw Joseph's "blind spots", things he couldn't see. The importance of having other Christians in our lives is that they can help us see those areas in our life we are blind to. What does Galatians 6:1-5 tell us about the importance of being in community with other believers to help us with our blind spots?
4. What sort of person does this section portray Joseph as? Is this someone that should be emulated? Do you know anyone like Joseph?
5. Why would God give Joseph these two dreams?
6. Would you have told your family about the dreams? Why/why not? Should Joseph have kept the dream to himself for the sake of peace and humility, or was he right to share it with his family?
7. Did Joseph do anything to deserve or cause His circumstances—good or bad? Why do many believe that their obedience to God should result in their safety and comfort?
8. Getting stripped, tossed into a pit and then sold into slavery by your brothers is quite traumatic. What events and/or circumstances lead people to question God and His goodness in their lives? Why is it easy to question God in these situations?
9. What can we learn about God from Genesis 37?