

TURN TO SOMEONE: MY FAMILY IS WEIRD... ADMIT THAT OUR FAMILIES ARE WEIRD

## Review

Family dysfunction is ordinary! God wants your family to be extraordinary. Faithfully following God is the main requirement for a ~~weird~~ exceptional family.

LAST WEEK, PERFORMANCE VS. PROMISE

In the life of Joseph is a principle so powerful that if you live it out, you will be guaranteed a life of **joy** and **purpose** and maybe even great **success**.

## The Dysfunctions of Joseph's Family

Genesis 29:31-30:24

READ IT

Genesis 34

READ: DINAH'S RAPE BY SHECHEM & RESPONSE OF SIMEON & LEVI

Genesis 35:16-18

JOSEPH'S MOTHER DIES GIVING BIRTH TO BENJAMIN

Genesis 35:22

REUBEN AND BILHAH (RACHEL'S CONCUBINE)

Genesis 37:3-4

AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Genesis 38:6-18

JUDAH, ER, TAMAR, ONAN (NOT SHELAH)

## Joseph's Journey

### 1. **D r e a m s** of grandeur.

Genesis 37:5-11

IS HE BEING COCKY OR IS HE BEING NAIVE?

### 2. Down in a **w e l l**

Genesis 37:12-36

### 3. Down in **P o t i p h a r ' s** house

Genesis 39:1-20a

THE LORD WAS WITH HIM!



### 4. Down in **P r i s o n**

Genesis 39:20-40:23

THE LORD WAS WITH HIM // INTERPRETATIONS BELONG TO GOD

### 5. Up before **P h a r a o h**

Genesis 41:1-52

I CANNOT DO IT, BUT GOD WILL GIVE PHARAOH THE ANSWER

### 6. Up above his **b r o t h e r s**

Genesis 42:53-45:24

GE 45:4-10

Genesis 50:18-21

AFTER JACOB DIED

*You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.*

Genesis 50:20

What people intended for **h a r m**,

God intended for **g o o d**!

But the journey from "harm" to "good" follows a road called **f a i t h f u l e n d u r a n c e**.

ENDURANCE IS THE ABILITY TO KEEP GOING IN THE FACE OF APPARENT HARM :: RUNNING OUR CHILDREN WANT TO BEHAVE A CERTAIN WAY, BUT WE MAKE BOUNDARIES... THE PATH FROM HARM TO GOOD FOLLOWS A ROAD CALLED ENDURANCE  
TEENS & SINGLES, ABSTINENCE FEELS LIKE HARM.

NO MATTER WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO YOU, IT WILL REMAIN "HARM" UNLESS YOU ENDURE TO

## Take it Home

TURNING MY PAIN INTO GOOD REQUIRES MY ENDURANCE

You have three responses to past harm and personal dysfunction that will impact you as an individual and also set the direction of your family:

- P i t y** Myself  
(Let dysfunctions define me.)
- I n d u l g e** Myself  
(Attempt to "compensate" for my dysfunctions.)
- E n d u r e** Faithfully  
(Accept dysfunction, but daily walk with God until he reveals the good.)