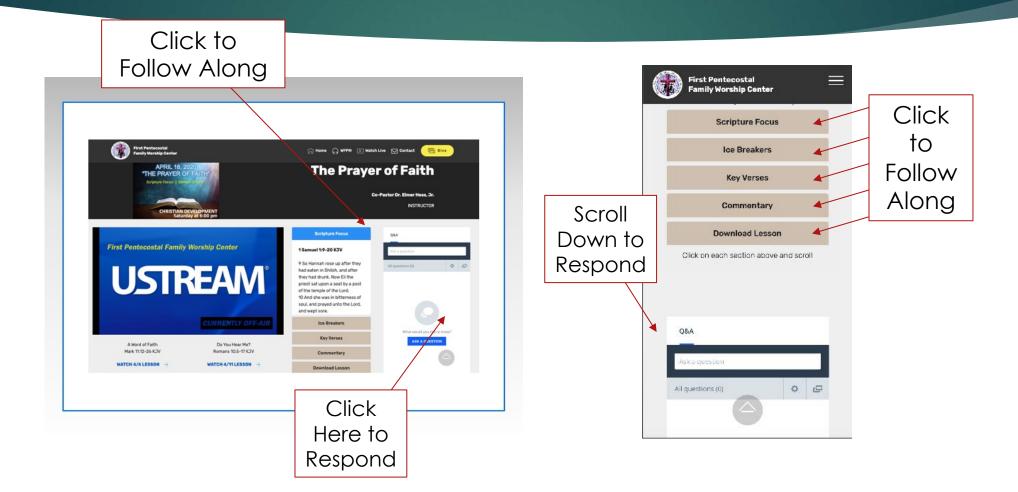
# SEPTEMBER 5, 2020 "BIASED LOVE"

Scripture Focus: Genesis 37:2-11, 23-24a, 28

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT Saturday at 6:00 pm

#### Q&A: Questions/Responses





"Nothing is ever simple when it comes to family." - MOVIE

"You can choose your friends; family you're stuck with!"

There is a lot of truth in this modern proverb.

"Some of the most difficult people to love are those we know best."

"You have to love like you've never been hurt." - Pastor Franklin Jenson

#### LESSON AIMS

After participating in this lesson, each learner will be able to:

- 1. Identify the cause and effects of Jacob's favoritism.
- 2. Explain how Joseph contributed to the effects of the problem.
- 3. Repent of having demonstrated biased love and seek to make amends for having done so.

What is the difference between a house and a home? What actions and attitudes could cause a home to devolve into being merely a house?

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- Arguments
- **▶** Bias
- ▶ Conflict
- Discrimination
- ▶ Dysfunction
- **►**Envy

- ▶ Estrangement
- ▶ Favoritism
- Jealousy
- ▶ Neglect
- **▶**Strife

# How should we deal with feelings of jealousy?

### JOSEPH, THE FAVORED SON

Genesis 37:1-35

## A. Loved by his father

Genesis 37:3

## B. Loathed by his brothers

Genesis 37:1-35

1. The reasons for their hatred (Genesis 37:1-11)

- a.The devotion he enjoys (37:1-4): "Now Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day he gave Joseph a special gift-a beautiful robe."
- **b.The dreams he experiences (37:5-11):** Joseph has two dreams that symbolically portray his brothers bowing down before him.

2. The results of their hatred (Genesis 37:12-35)

- a.The trip (37:12-17): Jacob sends Joseph to check on the ten brothers. Joseph catches up with them at Dothan.
- b.The treachery (37:18-27): The brothers, still angry over Joseph's dreams and favored status with their father, plan to kill Joseph. But Reuben convinces them to throw him alive into a pit.
- c.The transaction (37:28-30): The brothers decide to sell Joseph to a band of Ishmaelite traders for twenty pieces of silver.
- d.The trickery (37:31-35): The brothers deceive Jacob into believing that Joseph has been killed and eaten by a wild animal.

## LESSON NUGGET

JOSEPH'S DREAMS WERE TO HIM WHAT GOD'S WORD IS TO US TODAY: THEY GAVE HIM THE **ASSURANCE HE** NEEDED WHEN THE GOING WAS HARD.

#### CONCLUSION

Our first unit illustrates how love can overcome the most difficult challenges in family life. Joseph was an insufferable little brother who received special treatment from his dad. After his brothers faked his death and sold him into slavery, Joseph could have let any love for his family die.

#### CONCLUSION

Yet a love that kept him faithful to God did more than allow him to survive. In Joseph we see a persevering love. This love that began with dedication to God kept on loving those who betrayed him.

#### NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

## OBEDIENT LOVE Genesis 41:25-33, 37-40, 50-52

#### **ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS:**

- 1. What should we do to prepare for unexpected opportunities to serve?
- 2. How should we live our lives so that those around will view us as people in whom the Spirit of God dwells?

Prayer List

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PRAYER REQUEST

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