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Joe Knows - Dysfunction

Genesis 37:2-11 (NIV)

This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. ⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. ⁵ Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ⁶ He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: ⁷ We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it." ⁸ His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said. ⁹ Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." ¹⁰ When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" ¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

- Joe knows that favoritism leads to disaster.

Does one wrong elicit another? How did Jesus handle being wronged and rejected?

- Planting a seed of dysfunction is only going to yield more dysfunction.

Genesis 37:18-36 (NIV)

- Joe knows that God is with us in the midst of dysfunction and brokenness.

What pit do you find yourself in that you are questioning if God is still present?

- Joe knows that God will help us walk through the dysfunction.

- Joe knows that God will use the dysfunction for His glory and our good and growth.

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Do you believe that what the enemy meant for evil that God can leverage for good?