**One Messed up Family - that God still Worked Through** God Meant it For Good - A Study of the Life of Joseph - part 1 Genesis 37:1-11 (ESV)

1Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan. 2These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. 3Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. 4But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him. 5Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. 6He said to them: Hear this dream that I have dreamed: 7Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf. 8His brothers said to him: Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us? So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words. 9Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said: Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me. 10But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him: What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you? 11And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

**Personal application:**

**1)** Be cautious of **deceit** & **favoritism** - everyone gets hurt in the end

 (Galatians 6:7-Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.)

**2)** Be **wise** in how, when & with who you share what God is doing

**3)** What has God said to you, you’ve pondered it, and now you need to **obey**?