

family matters

Family Fashions







Family Matters: Family Fashions

The patterns and lifestyles of a family potentially have long last implications beyond one person and one generation...but God does not leave us without hope

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The timeline of Joseph (Genesis):

- Gets coat of many colors (ch. 37)
- Sold into slavery (ch. 37)
- Prospers with Potiphar (ch. 39)
- Accused and put in jail (ch. 39)
- Dreams & put in power (chs. 40-41)
- Brothers looking for food (ch. 42)

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The timeline of Joseph (Genesis):

- Puts brothers through tasks (chs. 43-44)
- Joseph reveals his identity (ch. 45)
- Jacob comes to Egypt (ch. 46)
- Jacob lives in Egypt (chs. 47-48)
- Jacob dies (ch. 49)
- Return from burying Jacob (ch. 50)

Genesis 50:20 (NLT)

“²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.”

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Family Hurdles for Joseph :

1. Being the favorite son

- Jacob continued tradition of Abraham and Isaac/Rachel
- Actions can send unintended, negative messages
- Perception can become reality
- Take time to be intentional

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Often the environment and experiences we grow up in determine what we think is “normal.”

We all have biases and dispositions towards both positive and negative actions.

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We all have hurdles that can potentially hold us back from our God-created identity and reality

We all have a choice to accept or move past these hurdles

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Family Hurdles for Joseph :

2. Could react with evil/anger to circumstances
 - Brothers sold Joseph into slavery
 - Joseph wrongly accused
 - Joseph lingers in jail
 - You do not HAVE to act “normal”

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Family Legacy for Joseph :

1. Trusting the one true God
 - Abraham, Isaac & Jacob set the pattern
 - Joseph reacts like God to his brothers
 - It blesses the whole family - nothing happens in isolation

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So What?

- Be intentional with what you bless and what you reward
- Expand your view of family to include faith family
- Realize you are not an island
- You can choose how you act

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So What?

- Set a family pattern of following Jesus Christ
- The lifestyles and patterns you were born in are not more powerful than God

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Although you cannot control what
has been done to you,
you can choose to cling to the One
that has done great things for you,
and wants to do even more!

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