



## 1. Introduction

a. Joseph great grandson of Abraham

b. Jealousy problems ran in Isaac's family

- Esau & Jacob prophecy from God (Gen 25:22-26)

- Esau's lament (Gen 27:36, 41)

- Leah & Rachel's jealousy

\* their father Laban's tricks (Gen 29:16, 18, 21, 23, 25-26)

\* God's intervention for Leah (Gen 29:31)

\* Rachel's jealousy (Gen 30:1-2)

\* contest of surrogates between the two (Gen 30:3-21)

Con Jealousy between sons of Jacob's 3 wives & Rachel's son Joseph (Gen 37:4)

- based on Jacob's favoritism (Gen 35:16-19), (Gen 37:3)

- Joseph reports bad behavior of some of his half brothers (Gen 37:2)

- His other brothers begin to hate Joseph (Gen 37:4-5, 11)

- Brother's' hatred led them to sell Joseph into slavery (Gen 37:18-20, 25-28)

## 2. Do Not Be Jealous

- a. Be content with what you have (Lk 12:22-31)
  - Lk 12:29 Doubts in mind? <sup>No</sup> faith
  - Lk 12:30 Heavenly father knows we need food, water, clothing
- b. Heb 13:5 Live without greed (covetousness) - God will never leave you or forsake you
  - be content with God

## 3. Do Not Listen When Others Want You to Sin

- a. Say "No" to sin - Gen 4:7 Sin lays at the door when you don't do well
  - you must rule yourself over sin
- b. Say "Yes" to God - (Gal 5:16, 22-26)
  - Walk in the Spirit
- c. Prov 1:10 do not consent (entice) when others lead into temptation

## 4. Do Not Quit

- a. Remember God
- b. God has plan for you
- c. Jer 29:11 God knows His thoughts of peace
  - Jer 29:12 Call on God & pray to Him - God will hear you

## 5. Do Not Take Revenge

- a. Forgive
- b. Be kind
- c. Pray for your enemies
- d. Mt 5:44 Love your enemies - Bless your enemies - Do good to your enemies - Pray for those who persecute you.

## 6. Conclusion

- a. Jacob dies in Egypt (Gen 49:33) <sup>32</sup>
- b. Joseph buried Jacob in Canaan (Gen 49:29-32)
- c. Joseph's brothers worried about retaliation (Gen 50:15)
- d. Joseph's big heart (Gen 50:19-21)
  - You thought evil against me
  - But God meant it to good