

Overcoming Jealousy

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SUMMARY:

In Joseph's life, God personally forged circumstances in order to mold in Joseph's heart a reflection of his own. Joseph could have chosen to reject the character he had been taught as a little boy. He could have submitted to the world's pressure and taken on the character and image of any other slave. But he had a vision of another future, a different future that included the plans God had for him. He could have adopted the same jealousy his brothers had displayed to him but he had a vision.....a vision from God that would never leave him.....

"A diamond shines brightest when it's displayed from a black velvet cloth. In the same way, God's love shines most clearly when he cuts through the BLACKNESS of our trying circumstances."

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question:

1. What is your "FIRST" response when God opens the door for you to minister to others?
2. How do you feel about yourself and your ministry?
3. Do you compare yourself to others before you allow God to use you?
4. Do you have faith that if God starts a work in you he is able to complete it?
5. How can you overcome jealousy in your life?

APPLICATION:

Genesis 37: 2-4 Joseph's brothers were jealous and hated him.

Genesis 37 5-8 Joseph's dreams were real.

Genesis 37: 18 They hated him ever from a distance.

You must overcome the jealousy others display when God uses you.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

You must believe his word over any circumstances you are faced with.

Titus 2:14 He gave himself for our redemption.

The accuser says you are unworthy and unable. The key to successful ministry is to believe that your God can use YOU to minister to the situation.

On your Own: Genesis chapters 43 thru 45;