

JOSEPH HATED BY HIS BROTHERS.

Romans 15:4; I Corinthians 10:6

God has given us Old Testament truths to do three things.

- a. Instruct us.
- b. Give us hope.
- c. Place warnings in our minds.

A. The birth of Joseph. Genesis 30: 22 - 25

B. Tragedies in Jacob's Life

- a. Dinah is raped. Genesis 34:1 - 2
- b. Rachel dies. Genesis 35:16 - 18
- c. Ruben has an affair with his step-mom. Genesis 35:22 - 26

C. Two things about this dysfunctional family.

- a. Sibling rivalry was out of control.
- b. The passivity of Jacob the father.

Sibling rivalry is the jealousy, competition and fighting between brothers and sisters.

- Don't play favorites.
- Don't compare your children to one another.
- Let each child be who they are.
- Teach your kids positive ways to get attention from each other.
- Being fair is not the same thing as being equal.
- Help your children learn to manage conflict with other children.
- Have alone time with each of your children.

➤ Uniquely loved by his father. Genesis 37:1 - 4

➤ Joseph shares his dreams. Genesis 37:5 - 11

➤ Joseph was maliciously hated by his brothers. Genesis 37:12 – 19

➤ Joseph sold into slavery. Genesis 37:20 – 36

FACTS ABOUT THE AMERICA FAMILY.

- There are 83.7 million families in the United States.
- In 50 million families there are no children under the age of 18.
- There are 11 million single parent families in the U.S.
- Single moms make up 8.5 million of those families.
- Single dads make up the remaining 2.5 million families.
- 23% of children live with a single mother.
- The U.S. has the world's highest rate of children living in single-parent households.
- That is more than three times the share of children around the world who do so (7%).
- 437,000 children are in the foster care system on any given day.

CHARACTERISTICS OF DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES

- ✓ Dysfunctional families never thought it could happen to them.
- ✓ Dysfunctional families are characterized by passive parents.
- ✓ Dysfunctional families allow sibling rivalry to get out of hand.
- ✓ Dysfunctional families don't know how to discipline.

A quick-tempered man does foolish things.

Proverbs 14:17

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

Proverbs 22:15

He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

Proverb 13:24

BASICS:

- ❖ We need to clearly communicate to our children what we expect of them.
- ❖ They need to know what the rewards will be and what the consequences will be for noncompliance.
- ❖ Once expectations are clearly communicated and understood, if there is noncompliance, it must be dealt with.