LifeBridge BAPTIST CHURCH

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Worship Service
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JOSEPH: God Meant It for Good

Lesson One • Genesis 37:1-11

New Robe and Big Dreams

The Story of Joseph

Joseph's story is the story of how GOD works to sovereignly fulfill His promises through His chosen servant.

"And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt." Genesis 45:7-8

"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today." Genesis 50:20

The Providence of God

God WORKS through it all—the good, the bad, and the ugly in the world—to accomplish His perfect plan for our good and His glory.

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

New Robe and Big Dreams

1. Joseph Is the Object of His Father's FAVORITISM!

Favored Son

- Jacob sent Joseph to REPORT the misdeeds of his other sons *(v. 2, 12-14)*.

- Jacob made Joseph a ROBE of many colors or long sleeves *(v. 3)*.

Fallout of Favoritism

Jacob's favoritism fueled DYSFUNCTION within his family, threatening God's promise *(v. 2-4)*.

2. Joseph Is the Recipient of God's REVELATION!

Chosen Servant

God revealed through Joseph's dreams that He will RAISE UP Jospeh as His chosen servant to rule and to rescue his family *(v. 5-11)*.

3. Joseph Is the Target of His Brothers' HATRED!

Despised Brother

- Joseph's brothers hated him for his BAD report *(v. 2)*.

- Joseph's brothers hated him for his ROBE of many colors *(v. 3-4)*.

- Joseph's brothers hated him for his DREAMS of preeminence *(v. 5, 8)*.

- Joseph's brothers envied him for his FAVORED position *(v. 2-11)*.

But God . . .

When it seems God is not present in our lives, God is always WORKING through it all to accomplish His perfect plan for our good and His glory.

God's plan is absolutely unbreakable, and that is the hope for all of God's people.

In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. Ephesians 1:11-12