

“Can’t Stop God’s Plan”
Genesis 37

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Joseph – part 1

Introduction: Stress at Home

The reality is that our _____ often have the biggest impact on those who are _____ to us. Maybe we can hide our _____ and _____ from others for awhile—but in our own homes they are _____.

I. Problems in Jacob’s House

1. Joseph’s pride : If Joseph had a bit more _____ and _____, he would have acted more humbly and kept these dreams to himself.
2. Jacob’s favoritism: instead of learning from his father’s (Isaac) mistakes, Jacob _____ them.
3. Brother’s envy: Some jealousy would be expected, but the brothers let _____ get out of _____. Then, the _____ rises up unchecked and it builds in a mob mentality.

II. Evidence of God’s Providence

As the brothers are deciding what to do, they look up and a caravan is passing by. This is not just a _____. This is God working out his plan to _____ Joseph, and to bring him to Egypt where he will end up _____.

Who are Midian and Ishmael? S _____ A _____

These sins, and the _____ they bring, is not going to stop God’s good plan. In some truly _____ and _____ ways, God takes this human brokenness and makes it a part of His _____ and for His _____.

Our mistakes do not mean we need to be _____. In the Bible, we constantly see God working out his plan. God is one who brings _____.

III. Joseph and Jesus

“Now we’ll see what comes of his dreams...”

The brothers are trying to stop Joseph’s dreams from being fulfilled....

In a surprising twist, trying to stop the dreams actually does the _____, and ends up _____ the dreams.

The evil plot to kill Jesus ends up _____ God’s plan _____.

Joseph will end up saving _____—the very ones who wanted to _____ him. And, Jesus saves sinners—even _____ on the _____ the very people who put him there, including us.

Conclusion:

God has a plan that cannot be stopped, and in mysterious ways God works through _____—even where we are today.