

Family Bounce Back – Carryout Series

The Rise of a Broken Family

Genesis 37:1-11 “Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours...”

1) Joseph had Imperfect Parents

- ✚ He had three stepmothers, ten step-brothers and a step sister all living in the home at the same time
- ✚ Joseph’s father was a polygamist and a passive parent, who openly showed favoritism
- ✚ Joseph’s mother and stepmothers were jealous, insecure and unhappy
- ✚ Joseph had a weak and ineffective father and he was a classic passive parent
- ✚ Jacob’s daughter was raped by the son of the Prince of Shechem and he did nothing
- ✚ When his sons took matters into their own hands and killed the men of the city; his major concern was the opinion of the people of the surrounding land
- ✚ His oldest son Reuben had a relationship with his concubine and he did nothing
- ✚ His brothers hated him and conspire to kill him; but ultimately sold him into slavery

2) Joseph had Imperfect Brothers

- ✚ His brothers hated him and even envied him
- ✚ They envied him for his coat and position of privilege
- ✚ They envied him because of the displays of their father’s affection
- ✚ They envied him because they thought God favored Joseph because of his dreams

3) Joseph was Himself Imperfect

- ✚ Joseph was at the very least naïve and possibly a little arrogant
- ✚ Joseph also related his dreams of superiority to his brothers

4) The Mending of a Broken Family

Genesis 45:1-5, 15-16 “Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him...”

- ✚ Joseph learned to look at life in the long term
- ✚ Joseph learned to be humble and faithful regardless of his family situation
- ✚ Joseph learned to rise above the negative influences in his life
- ✚ Joseph learned that God was conforming him into His image through compassion, forgiveness and restoration