



## *Lessons From Jacob & Sons*

Text: Genesis 37

Series: Book of Genesis, #13

Pastor Lyle L. Wahl

April 11, 2021

### **Favoritism Is Wrong And Can Be Devastating.**

1. The reality of Jacob's favoritism. (3)
2. Some results of Jacob's favoritism. (4, 8, 11-19)
3. Reflection on favoritism. (31-33)

### **Clear Rather Than Stumble Over Hurdles Of Inequality.**

1. Review some hurdles of inequality for Joseph and his brothers. (1-36)
2. Review some of our hurdles of inequality.

### **Covering Up And Time Never Erase Sin.**

1. For Joseph's brothers. (18-36; see also 42:21-22)
2. For all of us.

## **The Final Chapter Is Not Complete.**

1. For Jacob and his sons. (37:31-36; see also chapters 39-40)
2. For all of us.

### **In My Life This Week**

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

**Monday.** Yesterday we looked at some lessons from “Jacob & Sons.” The first lesson: favoritism is wrong and can be devastating. Read Genesis chapter 37, noting the reality and results of favoritism. Think through your relationships, identifying any favoritism. Where it exists, face it squarely, confess it and ask God to change your heart as you are disciplined to remove favoritism.

**Tuesday.** Lesson #2: Clear, don’t stumble over hurdles of inequality. Review chapter 37 again (and any notes you made on Sunday) looking at the hurdles of inequality that Joseph and his brothers faced, and their stumbling. Make a “Life’s Not Fair!” list for yourself. Evaluate how much stumbling and clearing you do with respect to each item on your list. Ask God to help you change your stumbling attitudes and responses.

**Wednesday.** Joseph’s brothers covered their sin against him and the rest of the family (37:18-36). Over the years that followed they may have thought it was gone, but years later it was still an unresolved issue (42:21-22). Are there things you have not cleared up with God and others, hoping that time would “take care of” or erase them? The only solution is to face, confess and turn from sin (see 1 John 1:9).

**Thursday.** At the end of chapter 37 Joseph’s brothers were playing out their coverup, Jacob was mourning and Joseph was on his way to Egypt as a slave. Not a nice picture. But remember the last lesson: the final chapter is not complete. As you look at your problems and disappointments, remember that your final chapter is not complete! Keeping walking with God by faith.

**Friday – Saturday.** Sunday we will focus on faith and success as seen in Joseph from chapters 39 & 40. Read these chapters in preparation for our time together.