

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
Faithfulness Through All Generations
Genesis 36:1-8, 37:36 - "The Divine Dreamer Enduring A Nightmare"

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?

2. Have you ever sinned in your heart and had it lead to other sins in action, resulting in even further sins?
Why does a sin that begins in the heart and mind of a person lead to additional sin in action?
How do we see this reality play out in the lives of Joseph's brothers in Genesis 37?
Does this help to shed light on Jesus' teachings throughout the Sermon on the Mount & his words in Matt. 15:9?
In light of this, how important is it to deal with our sin the moment temptation enters our hearts/minds?
What does it look like to actually "deal with our sin" right away, and HOW do we actually do this?
What difference does the Gospel make in this process?

3. Consider the main deception, how did Jacob react when his other sons deceived him into thinking that Joseph is dead?
What was his response when his sons & daughters tried to console him after the fact?
Have you ever felt so depressed, upset, angry, or sad about something that you felt you'd never move past it?
Were you finally able to move forward at some point, and if so, how specifically did you do so?

4. If you're familiar with this story, then you know what's yet to come in the life of Joseph & how his dreams come to pass:
How hard is it to wait on the Lord and his timing when faced with such overwhelmingly difficult circumstances?
How does understanding the sovereignty of God and His will strengthen you to endure any hardship in this life?
How does the Christ's example help us all as well (consider 1 Peter 3:17-18)?

5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon.
Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
What can we learn from these people today?
THE BROTHERS:
Unrepentance leads to sin-hardened hearts and further wickedness!
JACOB & JOSEPH:
When this life seems hopeless, remember to hope & trust in the promises of a faithful God!