

July 17 | Sunday
Joseph the Dreamer
Read [Genesis 37:1-11](#)



18 | Mon – The story of a dreamer | Read [Genesis 20:22-24, 37:1-36, 39:1-23](#)

Joseph's story is one of the most readable and moving in the Bible. Try to read these verses straight through like you would read a short story. The rest of the week we will look at parts of the story in more detail. Maybe you could begin with this prayer: "Lord God, I know I am a part of this epic story called human history that You are writing. Please work in my life, leading me beyond my flaws as You did Jacob and Joseph."

19 | Tue – Hey, look at me! | Read [Genesis 37:2-11](#)

Joseph was the first born son of Rachel, Jacob's favorite wife, and he was favored above his older brothers. Then he misused his God-given ability for dreams to 'lord' over his brothers which upset even his father. Do you grow up like Joseph as a privileged child or more like his brothers who felt undervalued and ignored? Have you experienced how God can heal the wounds that family dynamics might leave on any of us? You can.

20 | Wed – Betrayed | Read [Genesis 37:12-20](#)

Put yourself in Joseph's shoes. Sure there are stresses between you and your big brothers but they are family so you can trust them, right? Wrong! We are more refined than these brothers (usually) but we face the same kind of issues. Have you ever been so angry you wished you could kill someone? Maybe you have, with your words (Matt. 5:21-22). What steps might you take to correct any damage you have caused by words or actions?

21 | Thu – Decisions have unexpected consequences | Read [Genesis 37:21-36](#)

Uncontrolled anger and jealousy can cause you to do things you never thought possible. Reuben and Judah had the moral courage at least to keep the brothers from murdering Joseph, but the impulsive decision to sell him into slavery led them into deception and wreaked havoc on the rest of the family. How can you avoid falling into the same trap when you experience legitimate anger?

22 | Fri – Making lemons into lemonade | Read [Genesis 39:1-6](#)

Once a privileged son, now a slave. Instead of sinking into depression and bitterness, Joseph became a man of such integrity that his influential Egyptian master, Potiphar, put everything under his supervision. How did that happen? Integrity is sometimes defined as "doing the right thing even if no one is watching." What choices will you make today?

23 | Sat – Jail | Read [Genesis 39:7-23](#)

Joseph had grown to be a handsome young man, who caught the eye of his master's wife. Knowing she could make trouble for him, Joseph still refused her advances, repeatedly. Have you ever done the right thing, only to be punished for it? Then you know how Joseph felt when he was unjustly thrown into prison. Yet even there, God was with him. Are you in a difficult place? You are not alone. The story isn't over yet!

July 24 | Sun – Joseph and the Dreamcoat, Part 2