Dealing With Disappointment

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INTRODUCTION

- You ever felt like life just wasn't turning out the way that you'd hoped and find yourself disappointed, maybe deeply disappointed.
- Time and time again, Joseph showed himself to be a man of incredible faith in God and of great spiritual strength.
- The remarkable thing is that through it all he persevered as a man of God.

1 A Disappointing Family Life

Genesis 29:30–31; Genesis 37:3–4; Genesis 37:18–28

- Joseph was raised in what could only be characterized as a disappointing family life.
- Clearly Jacob made no secret about his favoritism. Leah knew that she wasn't loved, not like Rachel was. And as a result, it created bitterness and jealousy in that family.
- Now Israel, or Jacob, loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a varied colored tunic.
- This isn't just the petty infighting that goes on in all families. But a deep-seated hatred.
- They sold their own brother into slavery. Can you imagine?
- Or maybe we're disappointed with the way our kids turned out.

2 The Disappointment of Life's Setbacks

Genesis 39:1–6

- Joseph had to learn something about the disappointment of life's setbacks.
- The Lord was with Joseph. So he became a successful man.
- Like a man of God, he resisted her advances. And he got nailed for it.
- He was stripped from his position in Potiphar's house, lost all the privileges that went along, all the advancement that he's made, and he wound up worse off than when he started.
- Just when it seems like we're getting ahead and things are coming together, we get nailed with some setback.

3 The Disappointment of People Who Let You Down

Genesis 39:21

- Joseph also had to learn about the disappointment of people who let you down, people that you're counting on that let you down.
- After being thrown into jail, Joseph once again showed his resilience.
- He kind of turned things around in jail just like he did in the house of Potiphar.

MY NOTES