

Joseph's Story Begins

Series: *Not Your Average Joe*

Text: **Genesis 37:1-11**

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When James Boice published his exposition of this section of Genesis, he called Joseph "a man for all seasons." It seems like an apt title for a man who went through so many varied experiences. Today, we'll set the stage and meet Joseph as he begins his amazing journey in God's story of redemption.

Ultimately, the story of Joseph is about **G**_____ working His will through the everyday events of life.

Genesis 1-11 concerns four great events:

C_____

F_____

F_____

T_____

Genesis 12-50 focuses on four great men:

A_____

I_____

J_____

J_____

Background:

Family Dysfunction:

Joseph earned his brothers' hatred because of :

- Sibling **R**_____ and family **F**_____ (vv. 1-4).
- **B**_____ of divine revelation – dreams (vv. 5-11)

Joseph is not the hero of the story; **G_____ is!**

JACOB'S CHILDREN AND THEIR MOTHERS

LEAH	ZILPAH (Leah's servant)	BILHAH (Rachel's servant)	RACHEL
Reuben (1)	Gad (7)	Dan (5)	Joseph (12)
Simeon (2)	Asher (8)	Naphtali (6)	Benjamin (13)
Levi (3)			
Judah (4)			
Issachar (9)			
Zebulun (10)			
Dinah (11)			

Note: The numbers after Jacob's children's names indicate their birth order as given in Genesis 29; 30; 35:16-26.