

The Life of Joseph: Genesis 37

The Redeeming Power of Perseverance and Forgiveness in Believers
Who Fully Live Out Their Faith Under the Sovereignty of God

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The Brothers Envy and Hate Joseph...The Brothers Try to Eliminate Joseph And Yet God Remains at Work in and through Joseph

1: Beware the Dangers of Envy and Hate-They are Not Just Ugly But Ungodly
Matthew 6:12; 6:14-15 and Ephesians 4:29-32

2: Don't Despair When Other Envy and/or Hate You-God Continues to be at Work
Joseph: Genesis 50:20; Paul: Romans 8:28 and Jesus: Matthew 5:11-12