

Behind the Scenes

Week 1: August 23, 2026

“When Dreams Become Nightmares”

Genesis 37:1-13; 17b-20

1. Joseph’s dreams stirred jealousy and conflict in his family. How do you discern when a dream or calling is from God, and how do you handle others’ reactions to it?
2. Family dysfunction often spans generations. In what ways have you seen patterns—good or bad—passed down in families, including your own?
3. Jacob’s favoritism deeply wounded his older sons. What forms of favoritism do you see happening today, and how can we guard against it in our relationships? Think about your family, work, greater community, government...
4. Joseph’s brothers allowed resentment to grow until it became destructive. What practices help you deal with anger or jealousy before it becomes harmful?
5. Joseph’s suffering seemed to contradict the dreams God gave him. How do you respond when your circumstances appear to oppose what you believe God has promised?
6. Passivity in parenting (or leadership) can be dangerous. Where do you see passivity showing up in your life, and what would active, intentional engagement look like instead?
7. Joseph’s brothers tried to kill the dream by harming the dreamer, yet God still brought His plan to pass. How have you seen God redeem situations that seemed broken beyond repair?
8. Buried anger is like an unexploded landmine. What “unexploded landmines” might exist in your life or relationships, and what steps could help defuse them?
9. Joseph’s story shows that God works even through deeply flawed families. How does this give you hope for your own family or relationships?
10. God has a dream for healing. What might God’s dream for your family, friendships, or community look like, and what part might He be inviting you to play in that healing?