



“The Father’s Will”

The Brethren and the Cistern
Genesis 37:12-24

We can choose to:

I. Comply - “And Joseph went after his brethren” (vs. 12-17)

When we are:

A. Apt - “Here am I”

B. Ardent - “I seek my brethren”

C. Astute - “found them in Dothan”

II. Conspire - “let us slay him” (vs. 18-20)

When we dishonor our:

A. Family - “they conspired against him”

B. Father - “and we will say, some evil beast hath...”

C. Faith - “we shall see what will become of his dreams”

III. Compromise - “Reuben heard... delivered him” (vs. 21-24)

When we disregard the:

A. Product - “to deliver him to his father again”

B. Process - “cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness”

C. People - “stript Joseph out of his coat ...cast him ”

Sentence Sermon:

“Frustration with the Father’s will spills out on His faithful children.”

Additional Verses

- **Matthew 6:10**
- **Acts 9:5**
- **John 1:10-11**
- **John 8:29**
- **Luke 19:10**
- **Matthew 18:11**
- **Matthew 22:33-42; 27:18**
- **John 4:5**
- **Genesis 9:6**
- **Genesis 33:19; 34:30; 42:21, 24**
- **I Peter 2:20-21; 4:19**
- **Isaiah 6:8**
- **Exodus 3:11**
- **Numbers 32:23**
- **Luke 14:26-27, 33**

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. What parallels can we see in this passage to the Life of Christ?
4. Why do you think they went as far as Shechem and Dothan?
5. What do imagine was going through Joseph mind in verse 15?
6. For What & Who do the brothers show a lack respect in v. 20?
7. How would you describe Reuben’s response in verses 21-22?
8. What has been the toughest thing the Lord has asked you to do?
9. Who (no names please) has antagonized you in serving the Lord?
10. What can we learn from Joseph in this passage?
11. What can we learn from the brothers in this passage?
12. What can we learn from Reuben in this passage?