

Sunday, October 11, 2020 - "Average Joe - Week 2: Family Matters - Doug Kempton"

Key Passages: Genesis 37:1-11

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- In ancient times it was believed that if you were poor/sick/going through hardship → You were out of step with God
 - We can believe this at times as well (sometimes our sin has consequences) but it's not always true
 - God was with Joseph and God is with you
- Family Matters
 - Family of origin affects us in both positive and negative ways
 - We have to be intentional about dealing with family wounds and challenges
- Jacob (Joseph's father) loved him more than the rest of his brothers (this made them jealous)
 - We have to be careful about not showing favoritism (creates dysfunction)
 - Joseph got a robe from his dad. It was ornate and beautiful, a robe worn by royalty
 - This was not just a gift but a symbol that Joseph was "special" and in charge
 - His brothers were angry to the point that they couldn't even extend him the greeting of "shalom"
- Joseph then recounts his dreams of his brothers and family bowing to him
 - This family knows that dreams mean something
 - It made his brothers angry but his father kept it in mind
- How is this family so dysfunctional
 - Abraham (Joseph's great grandfather) lied about his wife to the king
 - Isaac (Joseph's grandfather) ALSO lied about his wife to the king
 - Isaac loved one son more than the other which led to Jacob manipulating his father
- Un-dealt with family sin patterns will get worse from generation to generation - Doug Kempton
- Dealing with family matters
 - Be honest and open (see things honestly...relationships, situations, wounds)
 - Embrace the good and shatter the bad
 - Bring it all into the light
- God uses broken people
 - Surrender to Him
 - Enter into a relationship of healing and growth

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How can you relate to some of the family matters Joseph and his family dealt with?
2. How has your family of origin affected you in a positive way? A Negative way?
3. How have you seen God move in healing and growth in the midst of family challenges?
4. How are you doing at surrendering your family matters to God?
5. Is there a specific step God is asking you to take? Being honest and open? Embracing good and shattering bad?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Psalm 94 Tues: Psalm 95 Wed: Psalm 96 Thurs: Psalm 97 Fri: Psalm 98

Songs from the weekend: [Blessed Be Your Name - Hope Cross & Fellowship Creative] - [Worthy Of It All - Bethel Music] - [Goodness of God - Bethel Music] - [Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus - Helen Howarth Lemmel]