

Genesis 37:1-11 (ESV)

Joseph's Dreams

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**Joseph's Series:
Families In Flames
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¹⁸ 'The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation. – Numbers 14:18

DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY

Psychology A family with multiple 'internal'— e.g. sibling rivalries, parent-child conflicts, domestic violence, mental illness, single parenthood, or 'external' e.g. Alcohol or drug abuse, extramarital affairs, gambling, unemployment—influence that affect the basic needs of the family unit.

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" 28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. -- Matthew 11:28

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. – Romans 8

⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. – Romans 10:9

