

## Families Under Trial

- FAMILIES UNDER TRIAL
- GENESIS 37
- Families Forced Together
- Families that have been used to being busy and active are now talking, eating and sitting together; struggle for many
- Jacob from having children from different wives created a difficult family environment
- Examination of Jacob and Joseph's family struggles and how it might pertain to us
- Faltering Families
- Families need God's help, or we fail; we need to heed God's Word, or we fail, Ps.127:1
- Starts with marriage and two sinners that try to get along; then if children come, more struggles
- We find sinful human characteristics; we see Joseph's youthful pride; we see Jacob's favoritism; we see the brother's evil plotting and wanting to kill Joseph
- Family Failures (Jacobs' Sons)
  1. The angry and screaming family
  2. The unforgiving and jealous family
  3. The family that is distant and disengaged
  4. The family that disobeys God, lives in sin
  5. The family that doesn't love each other
- Family Victories
  1. The importance of love in the home, 1Cor.13:4-7
  2. The importance of submission and obedience, Eph.5-6
  3. The importance of time and discipline
  4. The importance of forgiving one another, Eph.4:32
  5. The importance of spiritual victories, Phil.1:11