

THE SUFFERING BELOVED SON

Proclamation Life Groups; Genesis 36:1-37:36; Week of Sunday, October 8, 2017; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: God can use the greatest of human sinfulness to accomplish His great work of redemption. This is seen most clearly in Christ's rejection, betrayal and crucifixion so that we might receive the blessing of salvation.

I. THE SEED OF ESAU – (Genesis 36:1-37:1)

- A. What are all the different ways in which Esau shows himself to be the seed of the serpent?

- B. When reflecting back on Esau, what events and adjective would you use to describe him? Looking at verses 6-8, how are these events consistent with the Esau we've seen the past?

- C. Why is it significant that Moses keeps repeating (vv.1, 8, 19, and 43) that "*Esau is Edom*"?

II. THE SEED OF JACOB – (Genesis 37:2-36)

- A. What are all the ways in which we're shown that Joseph is the beloved son of Jacob?

- B. What are some reasons why Joseph is hated by his brothers? Does he deserve to be hated?

- C. What details of the brother's conspiracy against Joseph are most troubling to you personally?

- D. How do the events of Joseph's life play out so that he will be the savior of the known world?

III. THE SEED OF THE WOMAN – (Application)

- A. List all the different connections that you make between Joseph and Jesus?

- B. How is Acts 2:22-24 helpful in understanding that God was ultimately in control and orchestrating Christ's rejection, betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection for our salvation?

- C. Why is helpful to know that God's plan cannot be thwarted and that His purposes always come to pass? In what ways do you struggle to trust God in the midst of suffering?

- D. What are some things that you can do to grow in trusting God even when the struggles of life don't make sense to you? What verses could you memorize or meditate on?