Breaking the Chains of Dysfunction
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Our World
- Family Dysfunction
- Human Trafficking
- Flaunting of Sexuality
- Decreasing Number of people who believe in God

Genesis 37:1-4
"Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

2 This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

3 Now Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. 4 When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him."

A dysfunctional family is any family that is not functioning as God intended

Joseph's Family Tree
Abraham
Isaac
Jacob
Joseph

Breaking Family Dysfunction

1) Take an honest inventory of your family tree

Galatians 5:19-21
"The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like."

Galatians 5:22
"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control."

2) We will find whatever we are looking for

Genesis 32:28
"Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

3) Give all the rest to God

Genesis 50:20
*"You intended to harm me, **but God** intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."*

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