



Easley Church of God
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Sunday Worship 8-7-22
Sermon Series: LABELS-1

Key Verse for this Series:

1 Corinthians 6:11

Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right (justified) with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Today's Text:

Genesis 37:1-11

1 Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. 2 This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. 5 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more. 6 So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: 7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood

upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf.” 8 And his brothers said to him, “Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words. 9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, “Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.” 10 So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?” 11 And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Supporting Scripture

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

9 Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, 10 or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

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Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Main point:

Even though Joseph had different labels placed on him throughout his life, the constant was he never lost his trust in the Lord.

LABELS CAN CAUSE:

- _____ which will lead you to being humbled.
- _____ that clouds your judgment.
- _____ that will lead you astray.
- _____ that will move you to do the unthinkable.
- _____ which will cause you to miss what God has for you.

Notice something:

Joseph means: _____

The coat was symbolized: _____

LESSONS FROM JOSEPH'S STORY:

1. Don't let _____ cause you to _____ your _____ from what the Bible says.

a. Genesis 37:2-4 This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

b. Matthew 10:22 (Jesus said) And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

c. Ephesians 4:14-15 That we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-Christ...

d. 1 Peter 3:14-17 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; 16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. 17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

e. Colossians 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

LESSONS FROM JOSEPH'S STORY:

2. Don't let _____ raise up _____ in your life.

a. Genesis 37:5 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more.

b. James 3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

LESSONS FROM JOSEPH'S STORY:

3. Don't let voices of _____ impact you _____ God.

a. Genesis 37:8 And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

b. Matthew 4:4 (Jesus said) It is written...

LESSONS FROM JOSEPH'S STORY:

4. Don't let the world _____ your God given _____.

a. Genesis 37:9-11 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me." 10 So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?" 11 And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

b. Proverbs 29:18 (MSG) If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; but when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed.

Conclusion:

God has a purpose for your life, it is your dream. Protect it by following, serving, and trusting Christ every day!

Reflection:

Is this your position?

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.