

Beating Envy
Genesis 37:3-11

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- *Read Genesis 37:3-11.* Based only on these verses, how would you describe Joseph to someone who had never heard of him?
- What causes Joseph's brothers to envy him? What does Joseph have that they think they lack?
- How is our experience of envy connected to our feelings of lacking something important or even essential? What might this reveal about our sense of personal worth or self-identity?
- When envy goes unchecked, what effect does it have upon us? Upon our relationships with others? Upon our relationship with God?
- How might the same root issues that lead Joseph's brothers to envy him also be present in Joseph and his own heart?
- How is Jesus an example for avoiding or dealing with envy?
- Who is someone that you envy? What do they have that you lack? What deeper need in your heart would remain unmet even if you obtained what they have?
- What are some practical ways we can draw upon God's Spirit and address envy in our lives? Which of these will you experiment with this week? How can your small group or others pray for you and support you in this?

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