



Family MATTERS

Family Secrets

Jacob's Family Secrets

Genesis 37:3

³ Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe.

Focal Truth:

Joseph's brothers hated him because of Jacob's favorite love for Joseph.

Observations:

1. Jacob loved Joseph more than all his sons. – Gen 37:3
2. Jacob's sons saw his favorite love for Joseph. – Gen. 37:4
3. Jacob's favorite love for Joseph caused his brothers to hate him. – Gen. 37:4
4. Joseph's brothers were jealous of the favored son. – Gen. 37:11

Things to Remember and Do:

1. Family favoritism produces regret and broken family relationships.
2. Showing family favoritism is sin. – James 2:9
3. *A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city.* – Pr. 18:19
4. Forgive your parents for their favoritism and love your brothers and sisters like Jesus loves you. – Eph. 4:31-32



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