# Genesis 37:1-4 (Part 1) ESV (English Standard Version) & NKJV

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 pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. **3**Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe 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 peacefully to him.

**Sermon Notes – The Life of Joseph**

Joseph is a picture or type of Christ in the Old Testament.

1.) The way we function (speak, behave, react, our tendencies, etc.) as a family and as individuals matters. It influences later generations.

Joseph’s situation, wisdom, potential firstborn status, etc.

2.) The danger of favoritism, even with ourselves.