# Genesis 37:12-20 ESV (English Standard Version)

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. **13**And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” And he said to him, “Here I am.” **14**So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word.” So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. **15**And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” **16**“I am seeking my brothers,” he said. “Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” **17**And the man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

**18**They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. **19**They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. **20**Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams.”

**Sermon Notes – The Life of Joseph**

Biblical Submission

Joseph pictures Christ

God’s providence

The callousness, contemptuousness, and conspiracy of the brothers

1.) The danger in wandering away from or removing ourselves from authority and accountability.

2.) The danger of bitterness.

Hebrews 12:15, Ephesians 4:26-27, Romans 12, Philippians 2:3-8