

## **The Generations of Jacob I (Genesis 36:1-41:46)**

**Question:** *Do negative circumstances in your life affect your Christian faith?*

**36-37:2 – The story is about Jacob’s generation, not just about Joseph**

- The lines of Esau and Jacob
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Promises to Abraham unfolding

### **37:3-36: A Spiraling Family Situation**

**Question:** *What causes issues between siblings?*

- Israel favours Joseph
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Joseph’s dreams
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Brothers betray Joseph

**Question:**

- 1) *What causes us to doubt God’s sovereignty?*
- 2) *What are some family situations that you have trouble seeing God’s sovereignty in?*

### 37:12-40:23: The Plot, Roadblocks, and God's Blessing

- Tamar and Judah
  
- Judah did not honor his promise
  
- Potiphar and prison

#### Question:

- 1) *Is God active or inactive in this narrative?*
- 2) *How have people's choices affected Joseph's life? Did the choices have a real impact on the story?*
- 3) *What does Joseph's example teach us about how circumstances should affect our faith?*

### 41:1-46: Joseph's Rise

- Pharaoh's two dreams

#### Question:

- 1) *Why does it sometimes seem easier to trust in our own ability over God's sovereignty?*
- 2) *What does this story tell us about our actions and God's sovereignty?*

#### Conclusion

- People's choices have real impact
- God's sovereignty is evident throughout this story
- God's plan of fulfillment is amazing and cannot be stopped