

# Meant for Good

## *God's First Family*

Scripture: Genesis 37:1-11

**Big Question:** How do God's promises see us through our suffering?

**Big Idea:** *What God promises God will perform... but that truth does not preclude suffering.*

**Introduction:** *How we got here*

### How the family of God gets to Canaan

- V. #1 How Jacob got to the land of Canaan.
  - Genesis 1-2 God created us and everything we see to be good.
  - Genesis 3-10 We rebel against God and His good creation.
  - Genesis 11: God creates the nations.
  - Genesis 12: God calls His people.
  - Genesis 13-36 God conceives His blessing to the nations.

### How the family line lives in Canaan

- V. #2-4 A family line of favoritism.
- V. #5-7 A family line of foolish behavior.
- V. #8-11 A family line that will fulfill God's plans.

**Applications:** How do I take possession of this message and live it out in my life?

- God's plans are never straight.
- God's plans will not match our watches.
- God's plans will humble us.
- God's plans will be fulfilled.

*But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children."*

*And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.*

**Genesis 50:19-21**