

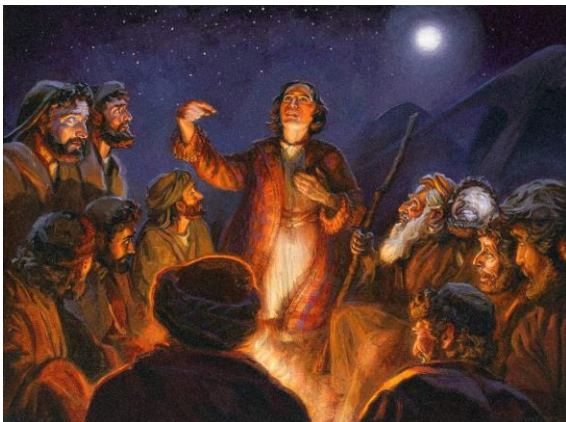
## ***A Favored Son but a Hated Brother*** ***Genesis 37:1-11***

### ***Joseph's favored position causes his brothers to hate him. 1-4***

- Joseph's bad report no doubt caused a rift with his brothers.
- Jacob's favor/love for Joseph recalls 25:28, 29:31,33, and as earlier it will fracture the family (brothers *hate* = 3x: 4,5,8).
- Joseph's ornate coat displays Jacob's favoritism, but what other benefits would it also suggest that will frustrate his brothers?

### ***Joseph's dream of his royalty intensifies his brothers' hatred. 5-11***

- Why share these dreams, knowing his brothers so dislike him?
- The first dream anticipates how Joseph came to power (through providing grain, 42:5,6). The 2nd dream signifies his vast rule.
- Note Joseph's dreams and the dreams he interprets later are all symbolic unlike earlier dreams where God appears or speaks.
- Why did God give this dream since it intensified hatred of Joseph?
- Unknowingly who was Jacob's family rejecting when they blew off these dreams? This dream could have helped Jacob later!



Are you repeating any negative family issues from your past?

Do you struggle being envious of family members or others?

Do you tend to talk too much about yourself?