



11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, M.T.S.

Topic: Break Free
Chapters: Genesis 37 Oct. 5th, 2022

Central Text: Genesis 37:33, NKJV, 33 And he recognized it and said, “*It is my son’s tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces.*”

Self-imposed Captives In the Text Are:

1. Jacob: Self-Imposed Slave To Partiality and Unequal Love - Genesis 37:3

In warning not to show favoritism between the rich and the poor, James encouraged believers in **James 2:8-9, NKJV, 8** If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well; 9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

Question For Dialogue: What are some reasons we show partiality or favoritism?

2. Joseph: Self-Imposed Slave to Pride - Genesis 37:2,5-10

Proverbs 11:2, NKJV, 2 When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.
Pride (def.) - the quality of having an excessively high opinion of **oneself** or **one's importance**.

Micah 6:8, MSG, 8 But he’s already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It’s quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, **And don’t take yourself too seriously— take God seriously.**

Question For Dialogue: Are you a self-imposed slave to anyone or anything? In other words, what is it that you consistently struggle with?

3. Joseph’s Brothers: Self-Imposed Slaves To Jealousy - Genesis 37:4, 11, 18-36

Jesus is the only one God desires us to model ourselves after. **Ephesians 5:1-2, NKJV, 1** Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Ephesians 4:22, NKJV, 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

How to Break Free? Surrender our hearts and lives to Jesus. Jesus is the only one, who can deliver us from the sin-nature’s bent toward sinful actions like pride, favoritism, lust, substance abuse, jealousy, and on and on.