

# But God Meant It For Good

Genesis 50:18-20

*Redemption*

*Ingratitude*

*Injustice*

*Lying*

*Envy*

Purpose: To see beyond  
the setbacks and  
disappointments and  
appreciate how we are  
being used by God.

# Introduction

- Our “road” of life will be full of potholes, detours and obstacles.
- Life just doesn’t seem fair at times. Adversity and misfortune are often present .
- What can Joseph’s life teach us?



Misfortune

Adversity

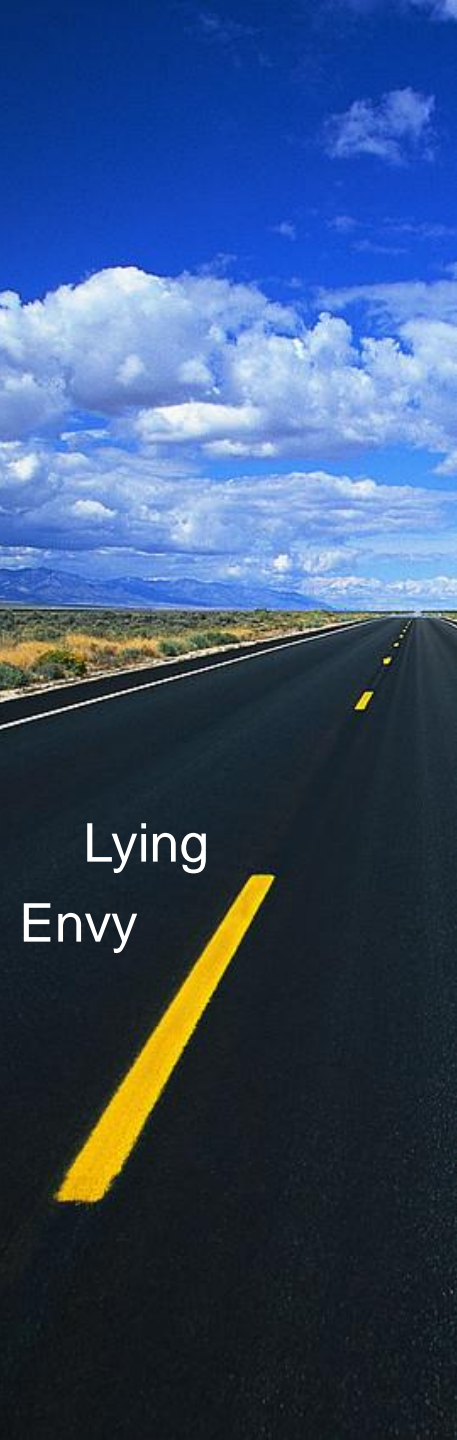
# A victim of envy

- Gen. 37:3-5. Being the favorite spawns envy.
- Gen. 37:18-24. Envy turns to talk of murder.
- Gen. 37:25-28. Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers.



# A victim of lying

- Gen. 39:1-6. Purchased by Potiphar, Joseph rises to oversee the house.
- Gen. 39:7-12. The wife unsuccessfully seduces.
- Gen. 39:13-20. Her lies cost Joseph his job.

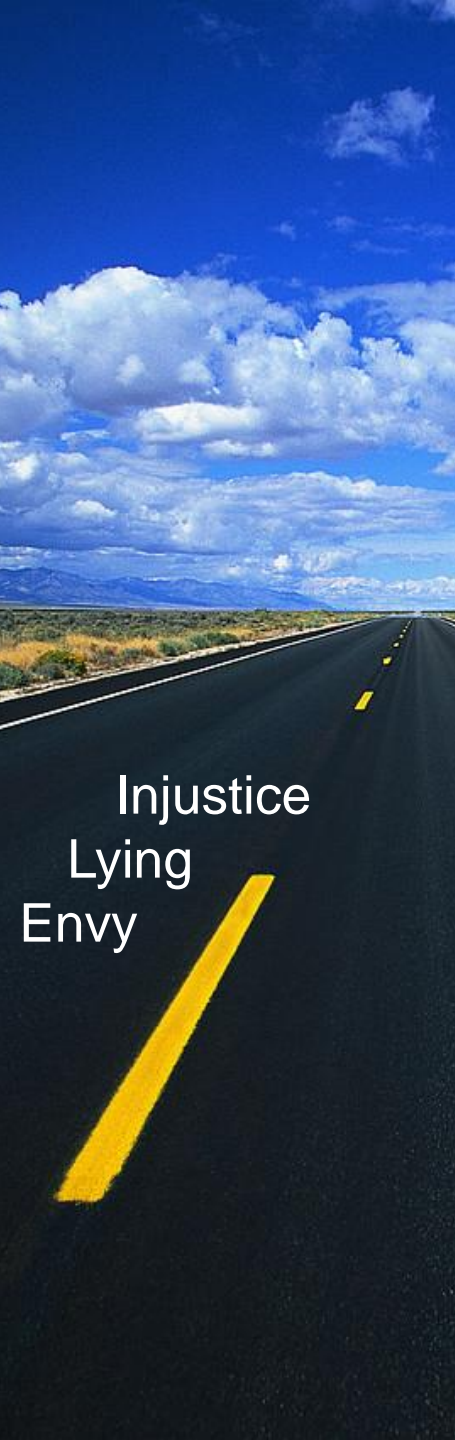


Lying

Envy

# A victim of injustice

- Gen. 39:21-23. Although innocent, Joseph is thrown into prison.
- But gains favor with the keeper and is placed in authority over all other prisoners.



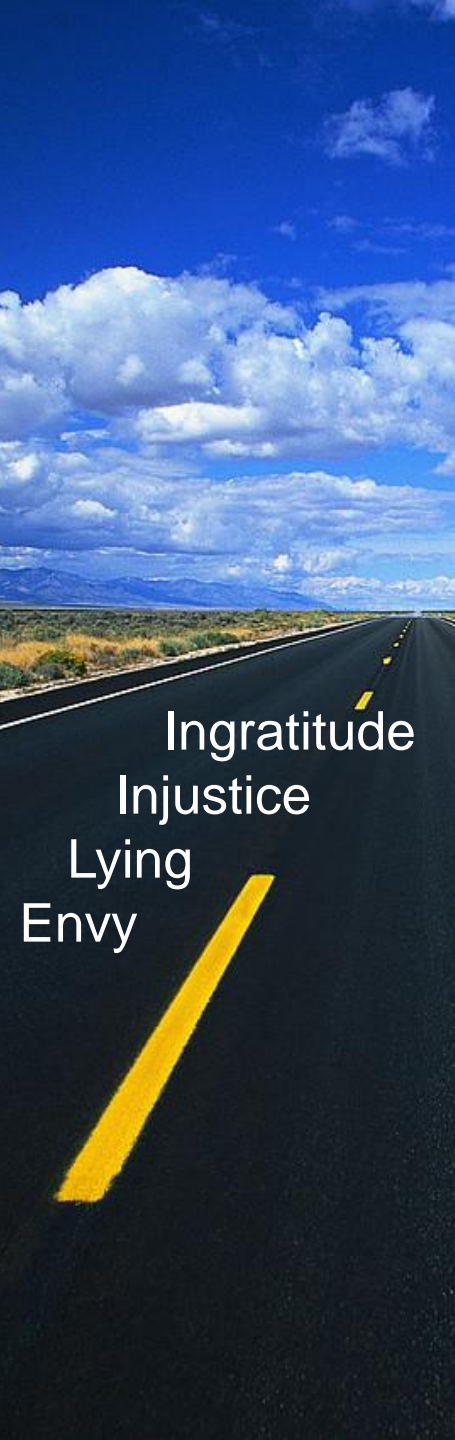
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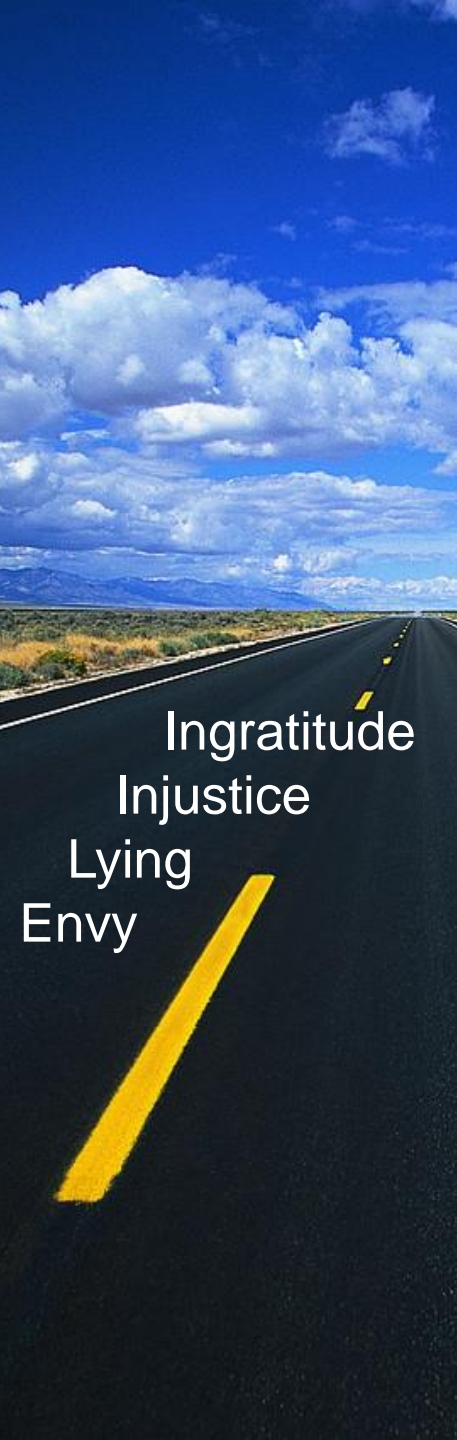
# A victim of ingratitude

- Gen. 40:14-15. Joseph interprets dreams and asks to be remembered when the butler is released.
- Gen. 40:20-23. The butler forgets about Joseph.



# Evil turns to good

- Gen. 41:9-13. The butler finally remembers Joseph.
- Gen. 41:37-44. Once again Joseph rises to power. He is now 30.
- His brothers and father come to Egypt for food.



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# Evil turns to good

- Gen. 50:15-21. After Jacob dies the brothers fear that Joseph will repay them for their evil.
- Gen. 50:20. What they meant for evil, God meant for good.





# Conclusion

- Every time Joseph rose in favor something bad happened to him. Yet he didn't turn against God.
- Instead, he did his best at every turn no matter what.



# Conclusion

- God had greater plans for Joseph beyond being the favored son, best shepherd, best house manager or best prison warden.
- Can we trust God's plans for our future?

