EPISODE NO. 34

Gen. 37:1-8,11

Joseph's Dream

- 1 Jacob lived in the land of Canaan, where Isaac, his father, had stayed.
- 2 These are the records of Jacob:

When Joseph (Jacob's favorite son) was a 17 year-old boy, he was taking care of the flock, along with his half-brothers, and the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, who were the secondary wives of his father. Joseph reported to Jacob, their father, that his half-brothers were doing something wrong.

- 3 Because Joseph had been born to Jacob when Jacob was old, Jacob loved Joseph more than all of his other sons. So, Jacob made him a fancy, full-length coat. 4 When Joseph's half-brothers saw that their father loved Joseph more than he loved any of them, they hated Joseph. They could not even say a kind word to him!
- 5 Joseph had a dream. He told his half-brothers about it. This caused them to hate Joseph even more. 6 Joseph said to them, "Please listen to this dream that I had. 7 Look, all of us were out in the field tying sheaves of grain. Suddenly, MY sheaf got up and stood up straight. Then, look, all of your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to MY sheaf!"
- 8 Joseph's half-brothers said to him, "Indeed!? Will YOU be a king over us!? Surely YOU will not rule us, will you!?" Because of Joseph's dreams and some other things that he said, his half-brothers were hating him even more!
- 11 However, Joseph's father stored this dream away in his mind. But Joseph's half-brothers were jealous of Joseph.