

Elephant in the Living Room: Favoritism

Text: Genesis 37:1-24

Purpose: How living under the favor of God can break the hurt of favoritism.

Opening Question: *What is your best family vacation you've taken?*

Read and Discuss: Genesis 37:1-24

1. *What are some of the parenting mistakes Jacob makes? What does the robe that Jacob gives Joseph represent?*
2. *How was favoritism a part of Jacob's life? What are some unhealthy family traits that are a part of your family's history? How might identifying those help you to break them?*
3. *What are some consequences of favoritism in families?*
4. *What should someone do if they have been the victim of favoritism? What should someone do if they were the favored?*
5. *What are some things parents can do to avoid favoritism?*
6. *How does Jesus' death and resurrection demonstrate that we are favored by God? What does living in God's favor look like for you daily?*