

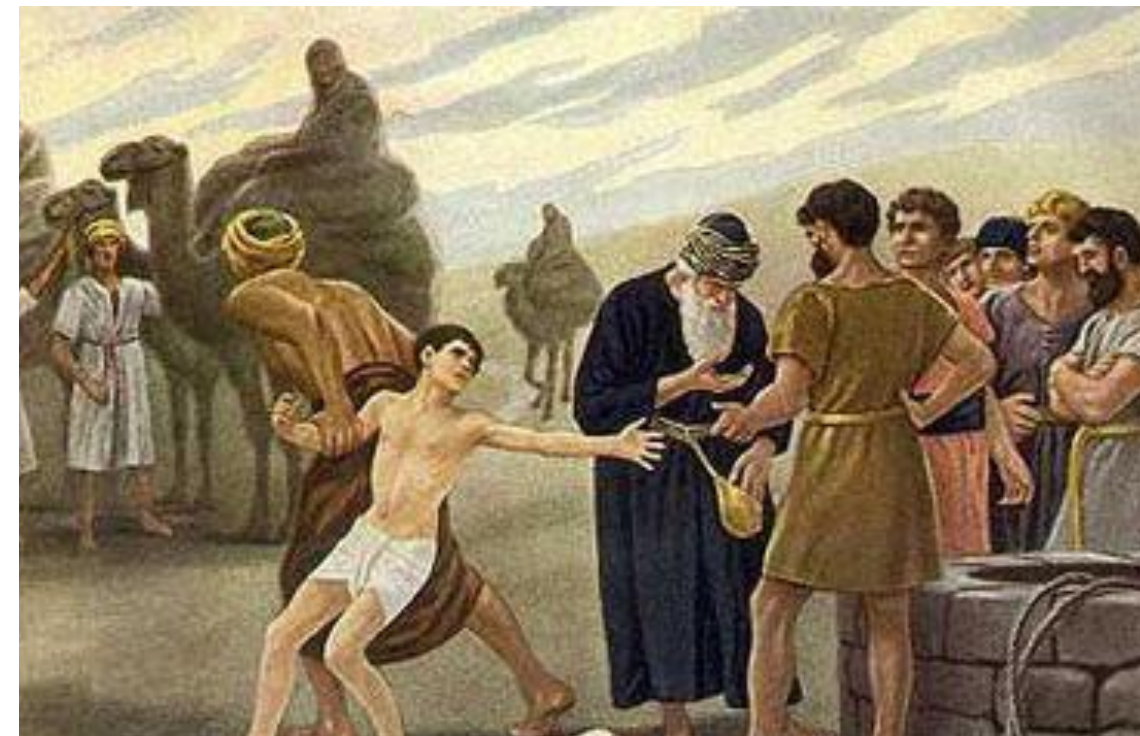
God meant it for good

Esau (Gen 25-27)



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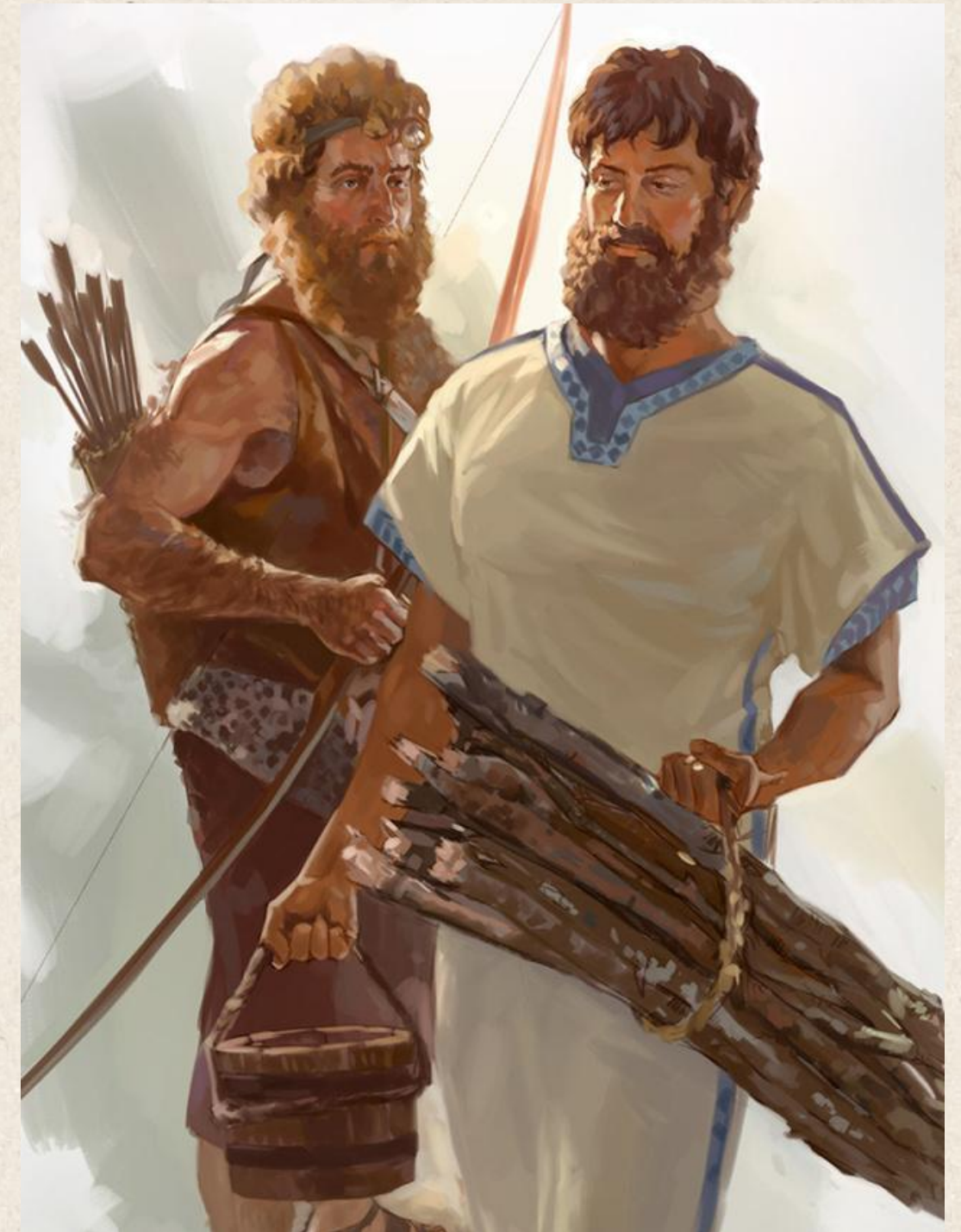
Joseph (Gen 37-50)



Mistreated

Esau Hated Jacob

Gen 27:41 So **Esau hated Jacob** because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, “The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then **I will kill my brother Jacob.**”



Brothers - closest, caring, and looking out



25:29 Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and **he was weary**. 30 And Esau said to Jacob, “Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary.”

31 But Jacob said, “**Sell me your birthright** as of this day.”

32 And Esau said, “Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?”

33 Then Jacob said, “**Swear to me** as of this day.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

27:34 When Esau heard the words of his father, **he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry**, and said to his father, “Bless me—me also, O my father!”

35 But he said, “Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing.”

36 And Esau said, “Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has **supplanted me these two times**. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!”

When Someone is Bad to You

Cut into your lane

Jump queue

Falsely accuse you

Stole from you

Attack you



He is wrong, you are right.

The right to be angry and
mad?

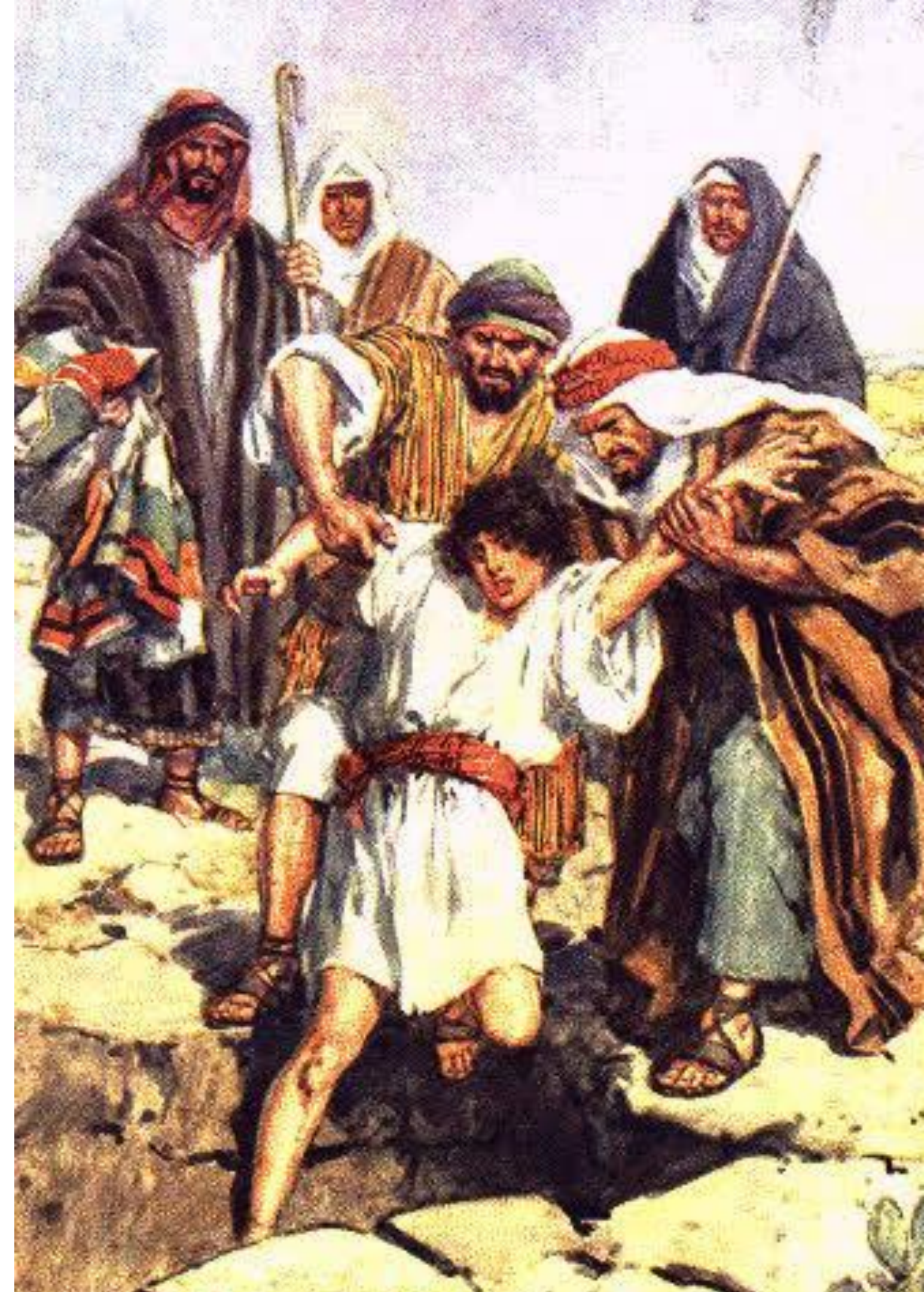
Is it ok to retaliate,
To make him pay?



Joseph's Brothers Hated Him

37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, **they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.**

18 Now when they saw him afar off,
even before he came near them,
they conspired against him to kill
him. 19 Then they said to one
another, “Look, this dreamer is
coming! 20 Come therefore, **let us
now kill him and cast him into
some pit**; and we shall say, ‘Some
wild beast has devoured him.’ We
shall see what will become of his
dreams!”



25 And **they sat down to eat a meal**. Then they lifted their eyes and looked, and there was a company of Ishmaelites, coming from Gilead with their camels, ... 26 So Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come and **let us sell him to the Ishmaelites**, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh." And his brothers listened. 28 Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers **pulled Joseph up** and lifted him out of the pit, and **sold him** to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

- Terrible to be sold as a slave
- Joseph had anguish of soul and pleaded for his life
- Fell on deaf ears

42:21 Then they said to one another, “We are truly guilty concerning our brother, for **we saw the anguish of his soul** when **he pleaded with us**, and **we would not hear**; therefore this distress has come upon us.”

Joseph before his brothers

45:3 Then Joseph said to his brothers, “**I am Joseph**; does my father still live?” But his **brothers could not answer him**, for they were **dismayed in his presence**. 4 And Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come near to me.” So they came near. Then he said: “I am Joseph your brother, **whom you sold into Egypt**. 5 But now, **do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves** because you sold me here; **for God sent me before you to preserve life**. **Experiencing the evil done to him,**
how could Joseph be so magnanimous?

50:15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their **father was dead**, they said, "**Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him.**" 16 So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, 17 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you." ' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

18 Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 Joseph said to them,

How was Joseph able to respond in this way?

He was able to regulate his emotions

In the midst of evil, he could manage his emotions

What was governing his emotions?

That enabled him to have a high
quality, healthy EQ

Some have very high IQ but low EQ



**It was a character formed through the many ordinary
and difficult choices of life**

Formed from the furnace of life

Potiphar's wife

Guided by his relationship with God

“How can I do this great wickedness, and sin
against God?” (Gen 39:9)

The cupbearer forgotten him (Gen 40:23)

Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and **he cried out**, “Make everyone go out from me!” So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And **he wept aloud**, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard it. (Gen 45:1-2)

Not a suppression of emotions.

Being emotionally alive.

God Meant It For Good

50:20 But as for you, **you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good**, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. 21 Now therefore, **do not be afraid; I will provide for you** and your little ones.” And he **comforted them and spoke kindly to them.**

- **Choosing in life to walk with God**
- **Trusting God even in the furnace**
- **Regulating our emotions**

