Sermon Guide – Aug. 22, 2021 – Broken and Blessed

This week we move to the next generation of God's chosen family – to Jacob and his sons, especially his 11th son Joseph. Read through Gen. 37:1-11, 17-35.

Some dysfunctional patterns of behavior continue in this generation of the family. What problems do you see are being repeated?

Joseph shares two different dreams with his family. Describe the dreams and what you think they mean. Do you think Joseph is being intentionally confrontational, or is he just a naïve 17 year old?

Two brothers stop Joseph from being killed – Simeon and Judah. What do they do? And why?

Joseph faces lots of challenges in Egypt, but some blessings, too. Note how Joseph continues to give glory to God: Gen. 39:7-9; Gen. 40:8; Gen. 41:16.

Describe the transformation you see in Joseph's character. What do you think is the big plan God has for him?