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## Self Finally Dies! The \_\_\_\_\_ of God Begins In Us!

*Genesis 39:1 Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Pot'iphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ish'maelites who had brought him down there.*

*Genesis 39:2 The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian, <sup>3</sup> and his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands.*

You never know that God is all you \_\_\_\_\_ until  
He's all you've \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Broken People

### Church "Business"--part 1

### The Life of Joseph

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#### Commitment to Self

*Genesis 37:1 Jacob dwelt in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup> This is the history of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a lad with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought an ill report of them to their father.*

*Genesis 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a long robe with sleeves.*

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## "Self" - the Internal Driver

- *Genesis 37:4 But when Joseph's brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.*

## "Self" on Display

- *Genesis 37:5 Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they only hated him the more. <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Hear this dream which I have dreamed: <sup>7</sup> behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose and stood upright; and behold, your sheaves gathered round it, and bowed down to my sheaf."*

- *Genesis 37:8 His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him yet more for his dreams and for his words.*

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## When Self Starts to Die!

- *Genesis 37:20 "Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild beast has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams."*

- *Genesis 37:23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; <sup>24</sup> and they took him and cast him into a pit. The pit was empty, there was no water in it.*

- *Genesis 37:25 Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ish'maelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup> Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we slay our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let us sell him to the Ish'maelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers heeded him.*

- *Genesis 37:28 Then Mid'ianite traders passed by; and they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ish'maelites for twenty shekels of silver; and they took Joseph to Egypt.*
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