

# Oh Brother!

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1. **Introduction:**
  - a. Empty Vessels
  - b. Meet the Family
  - c. Progressive Revelation: Ephesians 3:4-5
  - d. Roadmap
  - e. "The Physical": Proverbs 17:17; 18:19
2. **First Brothers:** Genesis 4:1-8
  - a. Jealousy and Murder: I John 3:12
3. **The Twins:** Gen 25:22-23
  - a. Envy, Lies and Collusion: Genesis 27:1-13
  - b. Jacob - the "Supplanter": Genesis 27:36
4. **Joseph and the Brothers from the Other Mothers:** Genesis 37:2-36
  - a. Joseph was Hated because Jacob loved him more: v. 4
  - b. Joseph was Hated for his dreams and words: v. 8
  - c. His brothers were Jealous of him: v. 11
  - d. They decide to get rid of him: v. 28
5. **Lessons from the Brothers: "The Physical"**
  - a. We could look at David and his brothers, the Prodigal Son and his brother, even Jesus and His brothers - the theme in Scripture is the same:
    - i. In the flesh, there can be competition, jealousy, hatred and even violence.
6. **Lessons from the Brothers: "The Spiritual"**
  - a. From Able:
    - i. Faith and Acceptance by God predicated on Repentance: Heb 11:4
      1. Cain could have been reconciled both to God and his brother through repentance.
  - b. From Jacob and Esau
    - i. The older shall serve the younger: Genesis 25:22-23
    - ii. Mercy is God's sovereign choice: Romans 9:11-16
  - c. From Joseph and the Ten
    - i. The older shall serve the younger.
    - ii. What the brothers meant for evil, God meant for good: Genesis 50:20
    - iii. God intended to protect and provide for all the brothers through one of the brothers.
      1. Remind you of anyone?
7. **"The Spiritual" continued**
  - a. I was surprised..."Be Reconciled": Matthew 5:23-24; I John 4:20
  - b. The older serves the younger: I Corinthians 10:6, 11; Romans 3:1-2
    - i. Let's be like Joseph: Psalm 133:1
8. **"The Eternal":**
  - a. We are headed toward an eternity of sibling relationships!
    - i. The ultimate reason that we have sibling relationships now is to prepare us for our heavenly existence with our brothers and sisters.
  - b. Few details have been revealed about heaven but here is a question for discussion: If according to Mark 12:25 we are like the angels, will we be brothers and sisters?
9. **Final Thought**
  - a. Jesus has special concern for the widows and fatherless. Jesus invites you into His family.