

Scripture: God's Law (Deut. 5)
Gen. 37:1-11 & Mat. 10:32-39

Joseph Series #2

Singing: 71:1-3 – 90:6-7 – 161:1, 4, 5, 9 – 271 – 152

Intro: To live right is to live *Coram Deo* even in the midst of wickedness

A. The portrait of Joseph in Gen. 37:1-11

1. He was not shy to work as shepherd (vs. 1-2)

2. Yet his work environment was far from beautiful: vs. 2

3. God gave him two mysterious dreams he shared (5-11)

STANDING UP FOR GOD

I. It is a calling II. It is costly

I. Standing up for God is *our calling*

A. Joseph understood the calling of life: *to glorify God and enjoy Him forever*

1. Picture him working side by side with his half-brothers (vs. 2)
 - a. what they did

- b. what this did to Joseph (Ps. 119:136)

2. What to do in those situations when we see or witness sin?

- a. what we might feel like doing

- b. what Joseph did in our direction

B. Our calling is to stand up for God (Dan. 1, 3; Heb. 11:24-27)

II. The cost for standing up for God

A. Opening your mouth for God & fighting for Him comes with high cost

1. Joseph's relationship with his siblings did not flourish: why?
 - a. he was not a tattle-taler but a burdened soul that cannot be hidden
 - b. charity is not always to cover sin

B. Count the cost

1. The hatred Joseph's met was for the Gospel sake (Gen. 3:15)
2. Every Christian should expect this: John 7:7; Matt. 10:34-39

C. Remember Jesus' promise: Matt. 10:32-33

Two closing reflections:

A. Be not afraid when you speak up for God: 1 Peter 3:8-18

B. Keep your eyes on Jesus: 1 Peter 2:20-23