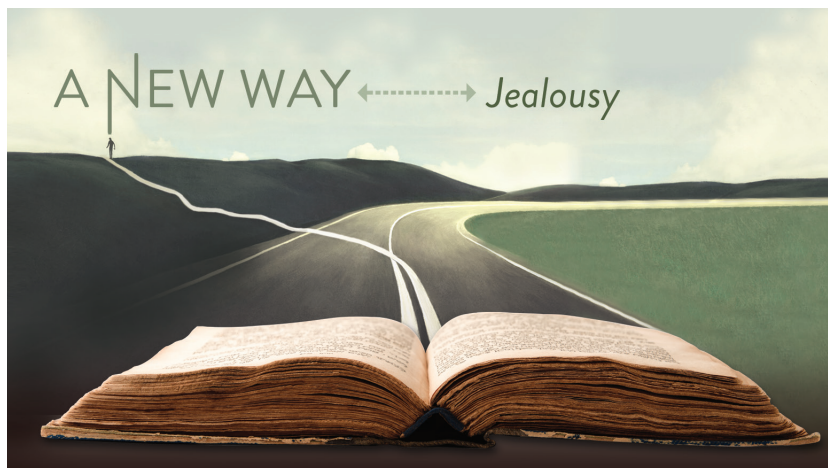




February 22 – 23, 2025

Jealousy
Genesis 37:18-28



MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

CONTEMPORARY
SAT 5:30 pm | SUN 10:30 am

Washed By The Water

Battle Belongs

Make Room

Praise

CLASSIC | SUN 8:45 am

CHOIR / BRASS: **As With Gladness Men of Old**

CHOIR ANTHEM: **10,000 Reasons**

BRASS: **Musical Offering**

CHOIR / BRASS: **Arise, Your Light Has Come**

MESSAGE: **Paul Dean**

Communion (Saturday 5:30 pm)

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Classic: Sun 8:45 am | Contemporary: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10:30 am
Resources, livestreams, playlists and podcast links at popmn.org

Ash Wednesday | Wednesday, March 5 | 7:00 pm

We'll begin the journey of Lent together on Ash Wednesday.

Artist in Residence: Jason Gray | Saturday, March 22 | 7:00 pm

Join us for a free concert featuring singer-songwriter and Minnesota-native Jason Gray.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

New Member Classes | Sunday, March 23 and 30

Interested in joining Prince of Peace? Register popmn.org/register

Financial Forum | February 23 | 9:45-10:30 am | Community Room
Mid-year review with Kienan Mick and the finance team.

CDLC Advisory Committee

CDLC Preschool is looking for new members to join the advisory committee. Contact Kim at kswanson@popmn.org

Feed My Starving Children South Metro Meal Pack

Scan the QR code to make a donation towards POP's pledge of \$50,000 to the meal packing event.



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Trust the Story | A New Way | Jealousy

Joseph, the youngest of many brothers, has become the favored one. His mother, Rachel, is the most beloved wife of Jacob, his father. This makes Joseph the most beloved son. Joseph is rather matter-of-fact about this privilege, flaunting it in the face of all his older brothers. The brothers give in to their jealousy, first conspiring to kill Joseph but eventually deciding to sell him for profit instead.

At a glance, this story seems crazy. But ...

- Is this story actually unrealistic?
When have you been jealous? Not a little bit, but an over-the-top angry kind of jealous?
Have you ever been extremely upset because some situation just isn't fair? Is it maddening?
- Do you know of families or relationships that have splintered or severed over less than what's going on in Joseph's family? Do you know of any big family feud that didn't end in regret?

Look up recent research on generational trauma. Emotions or behaviors from unresolved disturbing, oppressive situations can be passed down from parents to children, for generations. WebMD lists "low self esteem, relationship troubles, and a hard time controlling aggressive feelings" as some of the effects of generational trauma.

Think about Jacob's life. As legend has it, he was born clutching his twin brother's heel. He created adverse relationships in his own family by tricking their father and "stealing" his older brother's birthright and blessing. Jacob in turn is tricked by the father of his beloved wife Rachel, who forces him to marry Leah (Rachel's sister) and work many years before marrying the woman he loves the most.

Joseph's brothers are the sons of Jacob and Leah.

No one is claiming that violent, selfish or destructive behavior is okay. It's not. But what changes when we read this story through the lens of being curious instead of judgmental?

- What kind of generational trauma are all these brothers carrying?
Are they actually surprisingly well-adjusted, all things considered?
What does it feel like to be the least favorite child?
- Do Joseph's brothers trust the story that God loves them, no matter what?
What happens, over and over again, when people fail to trust the story?
Would this story end differently if every single person in it believed that they were loved and cherished, no matter what? Why, or why not?
- Do Joseph and Jacob seem a bit clueless in this story, also?
What happens when you fail to notice that people around you are in pain?
How can you become more intentional about seeing other people more clearly?

Jealousy is still alive and well in our world, centuries later, egged on by social media. For the first time we can begin to see research about the ways social media's platforms of constant comparison, or jealousy, affect the developing brains of our children.

- Are you worried about a generation raised in a social media society filled with jealousy and comparison?
Does this outrageous story about a bunch of angry brothers throwing their father's favorite child into a pit feel surprisingly relevant? What word of hope does this story give you for today?