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**Genesis 29:1-30**

**Jacob Gets A Wife  
-Twice**

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# Jacob's Life is Following a Disturbing but Familiar Pattern

- Lying and cheating
- Taking advantage for personal gain
- No accountability
- Favorites in the family
- Going to get worse
- “Everything is against me!”

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Was This Inevitable?

Are We Solely a Product of Our Past?

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Jacob's Life is Following a  
Disturbing but Familiar Pattern

Joseph: -spoiled -orphaned -dysfunction  
-despised -threatened -sold  
-jailed -forgotten

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Joseph: “How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?”

*-Genesis 39:9*

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# Jacob's Life is Following a Disturbing but Familiar Pattern

Joseph: “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.”  
-*Genesis 45:8*

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# What Made The Difference Between Jacob and Joseph

Jacob:

“*If* God will . . .

. . . *then* the Lord will be my God.”

*-Genesis 28:20-21*

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# What Made The Difference Between Jacob and Joseph

## Jacob:

- Goal was his own well being
- God was a means to that end



# What Made The Difference Between Jacob and Joseph

Joseph:

*“You intended* to harm me, but *God intended*  
it for good.”

*-Genesis 50:20*

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# What Made The Difference Between Jacob and Joseph

## Joseph:

- Recognized and embraced God's purpose
- Followed and responded to God's lead



# What Made The Difference Between Jacob and Joseph

The Outcome of Your Life  
Is Not Determined By Your History,  
But By Your View Of God's Role  
In Your History

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# How Do You See God's Role In Your Life

God Is Sovereign – I Submit To His Plans

“though there are no sheep in the pen, and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.”

*-Habakkuk 3:17-18*

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# How Do You See God's Role In Your Life

God Is Powerful – I Rely On His Ability

“I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.”

*-Job 42:2*

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# How Do You See God's Role In Your Life

God Is Good - I Am Thankful

“But while Joseph was there in the prison, the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.” *-Genesis 39:20-21*

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# How Do You See God's Role In Your Life

God Is Forgiving – I Believe

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

*-Romans 8:1*

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# How Do You See God's Role In Your Life

Attitudes Are Forged In Difficulty,  
But Flourish In Abundance

*-Psalm 18; Psalm 86*

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