

# *East Side Church of God*

## *Life Notes*

Welcome Home--Simplicity

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**Text: Genesis 37:12-36**

**Home Hope #1:** Our obedience to God creates a life marked by a willingness to be **fully available** to our Heavenly Father.

*Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am." –Genesis 37:12-13 (ESV)*

**Home Hope #2:** Our obedience to God creates a life marked by a **singleness** of heart which is **unconcerned** with the hidden **agendas** of those around us.

*They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal had devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams." –Genesis 37:18-20 (ESV)*

**Home Hope #3:** Our obedience to God creates a life marked by an ability to be **un-phased** by **adversity**.

*Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt. –Genesis 37:28 (ESV)*

**Home Hope #4:** Our obedience to God creates a life marked by an **undivided trust** in God regardless of **circumstances**.

*Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard. –Genesis 37:36 (ESV)*