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37:12-17 Joseph's mission: Joseph is sent by his father to check up on his brothers. He obediently goes, though they aren't where they were supposed to be.

37:18-24 The brothers' plot: seeing Joseph, they decide that they've had enough of his prophetic dreams. And so they decide to kill Joseph. Reuben intervenes with the goal of being able to rescue Joseph at a later point when the other brothers aren't around.

37:25-28 A new plan: while they are eating, the brothers see some traders coming along. Perhaps they have begun to rethink their plans and decide that they can profit while getting rid of Joseph if they sell him into slavery.

37:29-36 The father's sorrow: Reuben returns to find that Joseph has been sold. He falls in with the plans of the other brothers and they deceive Jacob, who believes that Joseph has been killed by a wild animal. Meanwhile, Joseph ends up in Egypt, which will prove to be part of God's plan.

Context: We read in the previous chapter about the brothers' hatred for Joseph, here we see what that wicked sin leads to.

Argument: Obedience to the Lord leads to His blessing, but in earthly terms it often leads to hardship and persecution.

Gospel: Jesus has endured our hatred and rebellion. He has suffered in our place. He is the One who gives us grace.

Applications: All sin leads to death – kill it before it kills you! God's plans will stand – will you trust Him in the midst of hardship? Will you look to Him when trouble comes?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
