

Theology Threads | Season 8: Episode 2 Notes | What Appears to Stop God's Plans

Summary

Dr. Brian Jenkins walks through Genesis 37, arguing that betrayal — rooted in unchecked resentment — is what seems most able to unravel God's plans. He traces the brothers' plot against Joseph, including Reuben's self-serving rescue attempt and Judah's decision to sell him for profit. Dr. Brian pushes listeners to see themselves as both Joseph and the brothers, then pivots on verse 36's "meanwhile" to make his real point: what is real is not necessarily final, because God is working behind the scenes. He closes by connecting Joseph's betrayal to Christ's, and to communion.

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Reflection Questions

Has there been a moment(s) when you've felt like the plan or promises of God were defeated?

What does the statement "what is real is not final" mean to you?

Is there something you are believing for right now that needs to be reminded of the faithfulness of God?

