

How Jealousy Brews Drama  
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Scriptures:

- Ecclesiastes 4:4-6, *ERV*
- Genesis 37:3, 4, 31-35, *ERV*
- Genesis 50:15-17, *ERV*
- Luke 15:28-31, *ERV*
- Hebrews 12:1, *ERV*
- Isaiah 26:3, *ERV*
- Colossians 2:10, *ERV*
- Romans 12:15, *ERV*
- Galatians 6:4, 5, *NLT*
- Galatians 6:4, 5, *ERV*
- James 3:16, *ERV*

Summary:

*Life can be unpredictable. Being unprepared to deal with unexpected situations or surprised by others' expectations causes friction in any relationship. Family drama is exhausting and frustrating, and can break out when one person is jealous of another. Families are one of the enemy's favorite targets; he uses the people closest to us to create envy, dissention, and bitterness. Jealousy is destructive and causes deep distress and emotional pain; we see this in the Old Testament when Joseph's brothers hated and mistreated him, and in Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. Entertaining endless drama can make our lives seem like a soap opera; we stop this cycle by trusting that God has given us just what we need to complete the task He assigned to us. Understanding that we can have peace knowing the purpose for our lives allows us to live free from drama-induced jealousy.*

Notes:

1. Envy damages family relationships. Joseph's brothers were intensely jealous of him.
2. Jealousy breeds drama and causes controversy and difficult situations. It's one motivation behind why people work so hard to be better than others. Jealousy is defined as uneasiness or anxiety stemming from a fear of preference being given to someone else.
3. The root of jealousy can be traced to comparing ourselves one to another, comparing relationships, physical appearance, material possessions, desiring what others have, and insecurity or feelings of inadequacy.
4. We break free from jealousy by running our own race, seeing ourselves as God sees us, celebrating what God has given others, and leveraging what God has given us.

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