Introduction:
A. What a pity that anyone would not know Joseph!
   1. Yet, millions of young people leave home having never heard of Joseph.
   2. Anyone should be made a better person by knowing Joseph.
B. The life of Joseph can be divided into two headings:

Discussion:
I. Joseph, the Victim.
   A. Of his father’s partiality (Gen. 37:3-4)
      1. Partiality breeds resentment and strife.
      2. Partiality came “home to roost” for Jacob (37:33-36)
      3. Partiality disrupts families and churches (cf. Jas. 2:3-17)
   B. Of his brothers’ hatred and envy (Gen. 37:4, 5, 11)
      1. Because of his dreams (Gen. 37:5-10).
      2. Hatred festered until brothers did irrational things (Gen. 37:18-36)
      3. Envy can generate every evil work (Jas. 3:17)
   C. Of a vicious lie.
      1. Potiphar’s wife’s advances and lie (Gen. 39:7-19)
      2. Joseph imprisoned because of this lie (Gen. 39:20)
      3. Lying hurts people and destroys souls (cf. Rev. 21:8)

II. Joseph, the Victor.
   A. Through Providence
      1. God overruled all the evil done to Joseph for his good.
      2. God used Joseph to save the Messianic nation (Gen. 45:5-8; 50:20).
   B. Through Perseverance
      1. Joseph was faithful until death (cf. Gen. 50:24)
      2. Joseph persevered through slavery, imprisonment, and the governorship.
      3. Joseph did not blame God for man’s mistakes.
   C. Through Purity
      1. Joseph’s heart had to be pure to exit Potipher’s house pure.
      2. Joseph’s reason for purity should be that of every young person - God (Gen. 39:9)

Conclusion:
A. Joseph, the victim, could have easily been destroyed by bitterness, resentment and discouragement.
B. Joseph, the victor, overcame because he understood:
   1. The workings of God’s providence.
   2. The seriousness of God’s displeasure.