**One Day At A Time (Graphic)**

(Genesis 37:1-4)

“Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. This is the account of Jacob’s family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah, and the sons of Zilpah, his father’s wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.”

**Dysfunctional Family**

**Influencers that mold the family:** *(Em: build a list one at a time)*

* Influences from the past
* Influences from the present
* Impact of decisions
* Impact of family stages

The **history of your family** doesn’t have to be the **story of your future**.

**Temptations families face:** *(No list here)*

* The temptation to be swallowed up by the rush of life.
* The temptation to be absent.
* The temptation to miscommunicate: jumping to conclusions.
* The temptation to drift apart.
* The temptation to give up on God.

**Steps families must take:** *(No list here)*

* Slow down.
* Be present.
* Communicate clearly.
* Focus on connection.
* Trust God.

**Important truth:** God cares deeply for every family.

Overcome family dysfunction one choice at a time, one talk at a time, one apology at a time, one change at a time. **Go with God, one day at a time**.