



**BELOW**  
*the surface*

**WHEN SOMEONE ROLLS OVER THE POTHOLES IN YOUR  
HEART, WHAT STORIES DO YOU BEGIN TO CREATE  
ABOUT OTHERS?**



**WE ARE GOOD AT WRITING HORROR STORIES  
ABOUT OTHERS SO FROM THE OUTSIDE WE  
CAN LOOK LIKE HEROES.**



**VERY QUICKLY WE ARE FILLED WITH ENVY AND  
JEALOUSY THAT WE WOULD NEVER ADMIT TO OUT  
LOUD BUT IT IS LIVING JUST BELOW THE SURFACE  
OF OUR HEARTS.**



A blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text "A STORY OF ENVY" is centered in the middle of the image.

**A STORY OF ENVY**

**3 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.**

**4 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.**

**GENESIS 37:3-4 NIV**

**8 AND THEY HATED HIM ALL THE MORE BECAUSE OF HIS  
DREAM AND WHAT HE HAD SAID.**

**11 HIS BROTHERS WERE JEALOUS OF HIM.**

**GENESIS 37:8B, 11A NIV**

**18 BUT THEY SAW HIM IN THE DISTANCE, AND BEFORE HE REACHED THEM, THEY PLOTTED TO KILL HIM.**

**GENESIS 37:18 NIV**

**30 A HEART AT PEACE GIVES LIFE TO THE BODY, BUT ENVY  
ROTS THE BONES.**

**PROVERBS 14:30 NIV**

**13 WHO IS WISE AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG YOU? LET THEM SHOW IT BY THEIR GOOD LIFE, BY DEEDS DONE IN THE HUMILITY THAT COMES FROM WISDOM. 14 BUT IF YOU HARBOR BITTER ENVY AND SELFISH AMBITION IN YOUR HEARTS, DO NOT BOAST ABOUT IT OR DENY THE TRUTH. 15 SUCH “WISDOM” DOES NOT COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN BUT IS EARTHLY, UNSPIRITUAL, DEMONIC. 16 FOR WHERE YOU HAVE ENVY AND SELFISH AMBITION, THERE YOU FIND DISORDER AND EVERY EVIL PRACTICE.**

**JAMES 3:13-16 NIV**

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**17 BUT THE WISDOM THAT COMES FROM HEAVEN IS FIRST  
OF ALL PURE; THEN PEACE-LOVING, CONSIDERATE,  
SUBMISSIVE, FULL OF MERCY AND GOOD FRUIT, IMPARTIAL  
AND SINCERE. 18 PEACEMAKERS WHO SOW IN PEACE REAP  
A HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

**JAMES 1:17-18 NIV**

**WHAT IS THE SOLUTION FOR  
ENVY?**



**1 THEREFORE, RID YOURSELVES OF ALL MALICE AND ALL  
DECEIT, HYPOCRISY, ENVY, AND SLANDER OF EVERY KIND.**

**1 PETER 2:1 NIV**

**EVERY TIME GOD REMOVES SOMETHING FROM US  
HE WANTS TO FILL IT WITH SOMETHING THAT IS OF HIS  
NATURE.**



**10 GOD HAS GIVEN EACH OF YOU  
A GIFT FROM HIS GREAT  
VARIETY OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS. USE  
THEM WELL TO SERVE ONE  
ANOTHER.**

**1 PETER 4:10 NLT**

**WHEN WE GIVE OF OURSELVES, WHATEVER  
THAT LOOKS LIKE, THERE IS A JOY, A  
CONTENTMENT, AND A FULFILLMENT THAT  
CAN CHANGE OUR HEARTS.**



**WHEN WE ARE NOT SERVING OTHERS WE ARE  
ALWAYS SUSCEPTIBLE TO ENVY'S GRIP.**



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**WHAT ENVY ROBS FROM YOU,  
SERVING WILL RETURN TO YOU.**

**3 ONCE WE, TOO, WERE FOOLISH AND DISOBEDIENT. WE WERE MISLED AND BECAME SLAVES TO MANY LUSTS AND PLEASURES. OUR LIVES WERE FULL OF EVIL AND ENVY, AND WE HATED EACH OTHER.**

**TTUS 3:3 NLT**

**BUT WHEN GOD OUR SAVIOR REVEALED HIS KINDNESS AND LOVE, 5 HE SAVED US, NOT BECAUSE OF THE RIGHTEOUS THINGS WE HAD DONE, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS MERCY. HE WASHED AWAY OUR SINS, GIVING US A NEW BIRTH AND NEW LIFE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT. 6 HE GENEROUSLY Poured OUT THE SPIRIT UPON US THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR. 7 BECAUSE OF HIS GRACE HE MADE US RIGHT IN HIS SIGHT AND GAVE US CONFIDENCE THAT WE WILL INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE.**

**TITUS 3:4-7 NLT**