

Because of God's favour on Joseph's life, his older brothers became extremely jealous of him. This was true for many heroes of the faith, and it is true for us as well. Because of God's blessings on your life, some people cannot handle your success. They were fine until you got the promotion, until your business took off, or as long as you were single etc. They had no problem until you started making a difference, and your light started shining brightly. When God blesses you in a greater way, it can stir up envy and jealousy, criticism, fault-finding, and trying to make you look bad.

This is not meant to discourage you but to prepare you. You need to be okay with others not being okay with you. You don't need everyone to celebrate you. You don't need all your co-workers or relatives to cheer you on. If you become too dependent on other people's approval, you will waste your time trying to obtain their acceptance, or vindicating yourself. You have all you need with God's approval. Keep honouring Him, and He will take care of the naysayers.

Genesis 37:11 "Joseph's brothers were envious and jealous of him."